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Militants gain more ground

Sunni group takes Iraqi city near Syria

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
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The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Sunni militants on Monday captured the northern Iraqi city of Tal Afar, a strategic city along the highway to Syria, moving closer to their goal of linking areas under their control on both sides of the border.

The gains come as Iranian-backed Shiite militias and thousands of volunteers joined security forces to prepare for what the prime minister has vowed to be a fight to liberate every inch of Iraqi territory.

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NABIL AL-JURANI/AP

Shiite tribal fighters raise their weapons and chant slogans against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 340 miles southeast of Baghdad on Monday. Sunni militants captured Tal Afar, a key northern Iraqi town along the highway to Syria early on Monday, compounding the woes of Iraq's Shiite-led government.

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A promise kept

After nearly 50 years, letters reveal side of father never known to his children

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
AND CHIYOMI SUMIDA

Stars and Stripes

ACAMP POSTER, Okinawa rmy Pfc. Pierre Mathieu Van Wissem went to Vietnam in 1965, and part of him never came home.

After being wounded and deserting from a

hospital in Germany, he went on to marry, become a father, divorce and run several businesses in Europe before quietly passing away in France in 2003. His children loved him but thought he was constantly fending off an ever-present shadow from the war.

More than 10 years after his death, they learned new things about his life — thanks to a tenacious elderly Okinawan man.

Van Wissem was stationed on Okinawa,

and when he went off to fight in Vietnam, he left behind a treasure trove of photographs, letters and postcards that reveal happier times, before the war.

His children were reunited with the items this month, thanks to Seikichi Tamanaha and his 4-decade-old promise to the man who would become their father: Tamanaha never gave up hope of finding Van Wissem or his family to return the items.

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This photo of Army Pfc. Pierre Mathieu Van Wissem was among the personal belongings returned to his children by Seikichi Tamanaha, of Ginowan, Okinawa, who saved them since 1965.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I buried my husband ... I bury my son, and now this is my grandchild. ... I feel it in my heart. ... This is a sad day for the Sydney family."

— Iris Sydney, grandmother of the 15-year-old boy who was killed along with his mother and four others in a house fire in Newark, N.J., on Father's Day

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EUROPE

USAF to spare about 4K airmen from separation

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The Air Force will spare more airmen from involuntary separation in part to bolster the service's nuclear missile corps, which has faced a series of embarrassing lapses, the Air Force announced.

As a result, the Air Force says, about 4,000 fewer airmen than originally expected will meet involuntary retention boards this summer and fall.

"Establishing full manning in our nuclear positions underscores the vital importance of this mission," Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James was quoted as saying in an Air Force

news release issued Friday. Better staffing, she said, offers "these critical" airmen "a more stable work schedule and improves their quality of life."

The focus on improving the nuclear force follows a series of embarrassing lapses among the airmen in charge of the country's intercontinental ballistic missiles, including a major cheating scandal and poor inspection results.

Increasing the staffing for the nuclear mission, however, doesn't account for the entire 4,000 airmen now being told they're no longer eligible for possible involuntary separation.

Letting go of fewer airmen this summer is also intended to guard against the budget uncertainty

that comes with not knowing whether the service will be allowed to trim its force structure as planned, officials said in the news release.

"We don't want to cut a single" airman "more than the number absolutely necessary to keep our force in balance," Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III was quoted as saying.

The Air Force did not say from which career fields more airmen would be retained nor how many airmen the service still needs to shed.

James said in a March interview with Stars and Stripes that the Air Force drawdown calls for reducing the service's active-duty numbers by about 16,700 airmen



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James, secretary of the Air Force, says fuller staffing will provide airmen a more stable work schedule.

in fiscal 2015.

The relevant retention boards will meet this month, according to the Air Force, with results to be released in late July or early August.

Airmen are advised to check myPers, the Air Force's personnel web site, to find out their latest status.

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2nd destroyer to be part of shield arrives in Spain

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — The second of four U.S. Navy destroyers to be stationed in Europe as part of a ballistic missile defense shield arrived at its new home in southern Spain on Monday, the Navy said.

The USS Ross, an Arleigh-Burke-class destroyer with an advanced Aegis combat system for tracking and intercepting medium-range ballistic missiles, departed from Norfolk, Va., earlier this month for Rota, Spain. It joins the destroyer USS Donald Cook, which arrived in Rota in February. Plans call for two more destroyers, the USS Porter and USS Carney, to move to Rota next year from their homes in Norfolk and Mayport, Fla., respectively.

The four ships are the centerpiece of the missile shield, known as the European Phased Adaptive Approach, and make regular, four-month tours of the Mediterranean region. Other components of the shield include land-based Aegis interceptor batteries in Romania and Poland, radar in Tur-



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Sailors aboard USS Ross man the rails as they depart their Norfolk, Va., homeport. Ross is the second of four Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers to be forward deployed to Rota, Spain.

key and a command center at the U.S. Air Force base in Ramstein, Germany.

The plan has caused a major rift with Russia, which says the shield is aimed against its own nuclear missile arsenal. The U.S. and its NATO allies insist the defense system is to meant to protect Europe from potentially hostile countries in the region, such as Iran.

Since Russia's annexation of Ukraine in March, some in Congress have pushed for the military to move up its timeline for the land site in Poland. Current schedules call for the Romania site to be finished by the end of 2015 and for the Poland site to be installed a year later.

The destroyer detachment also increases the Navy presence in Europe as demand rises for U.S.

warships. Baltic and Eastern European countries seek reassurances against an expansionist Russia, while flash points in the Mediterranean extend from Syria to North Africa.

The USS Cook visited the Black Sea on its first patrol in April, one of a string of U.S. warship visits intended to show U.S. accessibility to an important region for Russia, which operates a fleet out of Sevastopol on the Black Sea. The U.S. began making ballistic missile defense patrols in 2011, with ships deploying from the East Coast. Navy officials say forward stationing the ships saves money and manpower.

Arrival of the USS Ross and the three other destroyers will increase the U.S. base population of Rota, a former Cold War submarine base and logistics hub set inside a larger Spanish base on the Atlantic coast, near Cádiz.

The ships will add roughly 1,200 sailors and personnel, along with 1,800 family members, according to base officials.

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EUROPE



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Air Force guards pose on June 10 in front of one of two B-2 Spirits at RAF Fairford, England.

B-2, B-52 bombers deploy to Europe as tensions simmer over Ukraine

By ADAM L. MATHIS
Stars and Stripes

A KC-135 Stratotanker took off from RAF Mildenhall, England, on Wednesday morning for a mission reminiscent of the Cold War — refueling long-range, nuclear-capable U.S. bombers flying over Europe.

Three B-52 Stratofortresses and two B-2 Spirits, commonly known as stealth bombers, arrived June 4 and 8, respectively, at RAF Fairford, England, from the United States. Officials have described their short deployments to Europe, which came amid increasing tensions over the crisis in Ukraine and Russia's takeover of Crimea, as routine and focused on training. Both sets of planes are unarmed, and the training exercise was scheduled last year.

Fairford is a historic base for U.S. bombers, which hosted B-52s on their way to Iraq more than a decade ago. The most recent use of the base by U.S. bombers for training was in 2008, an Air Force spokesman said.

The U.S. and NATO have been deploying additional troops, ships and aircraft to eastern Europe to reassure alliance partners concerned about Russia's intentions since Moscow annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and moved



A B-52 Stratofortress lands June 10 at RAF Fairford.

troops close to Ukraine's border. Moscow has denounced the build-up, saying it represents a security threat to its own borders.

Speaking at a media event on Tuesday at Fairford, Col. Leland Bohannon, commander of the expeditionary group, said he was unable to comment about any political messages the deployment may or may not be intended to

send. However, using the movement of bombers in Korea as an example, he noted bomber deployments can be a way for the U.S. to communicate to nations.

"What does it communicate?" Bohannon said. "It communicates commitment to that particular region ... and we're not going to walk away."

Meanwhile, U.S. forces are

participating in two military exercises in the Baltics. BALTOPS-2014 is an exercise involving the U.S. 6th Fleet flagship, and Sabre Strike-14 is an air and ground exercise involving about 4,500 international troops training in Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia.

The two exercises have prompted a simultaneous military exercise in the Baltic region by the

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Russian military.

What officials have released of the bombers' training does not put them near Russia or Ukraine. A long-range B-2 training exercise was conducted, but officials would say only that it flew in the international airspace of the areas of responsibility of the U.S. European Command the U.S. African Command.

The bombers also have flown with British pilots and are scheduled to do so again.

Officials have described the bomber training for both B-52 and B-2 crews as an opportunity for familiarization with flying in Europe.

"That's why we bring all these specialists out here, and we try to bring as many as we can so they can familiarize themselves with this location so that in the event we come back, it is a much easier, smoother process, said Maj. Dale Wilds, a B-2 pilot deployed to Fairford.

"There have been lessons learned that we can take home ... to be a more efficient deployable package."

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MIDEAST

Afghans say corruption is biggest threat

As Taliban danger begins to fade, inept government causes concern

By KEVIN SIEFF
The Washington Post

KABUL — As Afghans wait for the results from this weekend's presidential election, it is becoming increasingly clear that the Taliban — which failed to undermine the vote — no longer represents an existential threat to the country's government.

That is of little solace to the millions of Afghans who may face a graver enemy in the government itself — a bundle of inept and corruption-plagued institutions whose actions could threaten the gains of the past decade.

About 7 million voters turned out Saturday, a showing some Afghans read as a repudiation of the Taliban and others saw as a sign of the electorate's desperation to reform a host of public institutions.

The next president, who will be either former foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah or former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani, will inherit those institutions. On Sunday, both campaigns frantically tried to assess the election outcome, reporting dozens of cases of voting fraud to the country's election commission. The official results will not be released until early July.

Neither candidate campaigned primarily on his ability to suppress the insurgency. Both found that the electorate had more pressing worries.

"I'm not concerned about the insurgency. The security forces are capable of dealing with it," said Yama Torabi, head of Integrity Watch Afghanistan, an Afghan watchdog organization. "But I am concerned about corruption and its impact on the economy."

Much of the international community still sees Afghanistan through the lens of the ongoing counterterrorism mission, targeting Taliban insurgents who move freely in parts of eastern and southern Afghanistan. The threat from the Taliban is hardly over; hundreds of Afghans continue to be killed each month.

Many considered the elections to be a litmus test of the Taliban's relevance. If its fighters succeeded in their plan to disrupt the Afghan electoral process, it would say something about the insurgents' clout — if not their capacity to conduct attacks, then their ability to instill fear.

Saturday's vote was marred by hundreds of small-scale Taliban attacks, and more than 40 people were killed. But it would have taken much more than that to derail the elections. And, thanks to the growing strength of the Afghan security forces, the Taliban does not appear to have the capability to retake major urban centers.

The other threats to Afghanistan — the fragility of its economy and institutions — stand a

better chance at destabilizing the country and throwing the U.S. investment here into a tailspin.

For example, it appears increasingly likely that the government will be financially blacklisted by next week for failing to pass an anti-money laundering law, a designation that would hinder Afghanistan's ability to do business with much of the world.

The Financial Action Task Force, an international regulatory body, had pledged to blacklist Afghanistan if it hadn't made progress on a list of International Monetary Fund requirements issued in 2001 to minimize the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing. Afghanistan's central bank crafted the legislation this year, but it was watered down and then got caught up in political gridlock.

"This law should have been approved and implemented 10

'I'm not concerned about the insurgency. ... But I am concerned about corruption.'

Tama Torabi
Integrity Watch
Afghanistan

a growing budget shortfall that many Afghan officials say will soon preclude them from paying public-sector salaries.

"The biggest concern is not the security situation — the Afghans have that mostly under control — but the political institutions," said one U.S. official who was not authorized to speak publicly.

In 2002, after the U.S. invasion and the toppling of the Taliban regime, Americans looked for an Afghan president who was committed to fighting transnational terrorism. In 2014, many Afghans are more interested in a leader who can find a way to rescue the economy and minimize corruption.

Some Western officials read those shifting priorities as a natural part of Afghanistan's transition. But Afghans say that minimizes the enormity of the economic and governance problems, which are not unrelated to the country's ability to keep the insurgency at bay.

As Western troops depart and foreign assistance slows, the Afghan government will shoulder a larger responsibility for paying its soldiers and police — along with the teachers, doctors and engineers who are paid by foreign donors. But right now, it's unclear where that money will come from.



Afghan police officers arrive at the scene after Taliban fighters stormed a government building in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, on May 12. The peace process with the Taliban in Afghanistan is on hold until it's clear who won the presidential election, and the prospects are uncertain even then.

Bergdahl deal seen as unlikely to yield peace talks with the Taliban

By DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite securing the release of five top detainees from the prison at Guantanamo Bay in exchange for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, there are few indications that the Taliban will head into peace talks with the Afghan government anytime soon.

The peace process is virtually on hold anyway until it's clear who will succeed Afghan President Hamid Karzai. Results of the second round of the Afghan presidential election Saturday won't be known until July, and it will be months before the winner will be able to set up his administration and lay the groundwork for possible talks.

It's also unclear what role the Obama administration can or is willing to play to coax the Taliban to the negotiating table.

The Taliban say exchanging Bergdahl, held by Afghan militants for nearly five years, for the five detainees is a victory for their side. Still, U.S. and former and current Afghan officials say the transfer is evidence that the two sides can come together and deal peacefully. They say they hope the deal will bolster the influence of more moderate members of the Taliban interested in reconciliation talks.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel says the swap could provide a "new opening" that can produce a peace agreement.

When President Barack Obama appeared in the Rose Garden with Bergdahl's parents after their son was released, he said the U.S. would continue to support an Afghan-led process of reconciliation

2-star begins probe of Bergdahl case

WASHINGTON — With former captive Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl receiving treatment at a military hospital after almost five years of imprisonment by the Taliban-allied Haqqani network, the Army has appointed a two-star general to conduct a new investigation into how he disappeared in June 2009.

The Army announced Monday it had appointed Maj. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl to lead the inquiry. Dahl served in Afghanistan from 2010 to 2012 as deputy commander of Regional Command-South and as deputy commanding general of the 10th Mountain Division. He is currently the

deputy commanding general of I Corps at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

Dahl will be able to use the findings of an earlier investigation in 2009, but he won't have access to Bergdahl himself just yet, the Army said in a statement sent to the press.

"The Army's top priority remains Sgt. Bergdahl's health and reintegration. We ask that everyone respect the time and privacy necessary to accomplish the objectives of the last phase of reintegration," the Army said. "The investigating officer will not interview Sgt. Bergdahl until the reintegration team clears such interaction, so no time line for completion of the investigation has been set."

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but didn't offer any specifics.

Obama didn't mention the Taliban or the peace effort in a major foreign policy speech he delivered late last month at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Obama has made "encouraging, if vague" gestures toward helping with Afghan-led peace talks, said Kate Clark, of the Kabul-based Afghan Analysts Network, who has tracked events in the country for years. "In reality, though, the U.S. is on its way out and the swap looks like a clearing up of unfinished business before its troops leave at the end of 2014," Clark said.

"Whether the release of the five men might now aid reconciliation is unknown. They may be

useful for negotiations or many years in detention may have hardened them to thoughts of compromise."

The deal did help mend a fissure in the Taliban ranks, according to a former Afghan government official with close ties to the palace, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss the exchange. For years, moderate Taliban leaders willing to engage in peace talks have been under pressure from unrepentant Taliban foot soldiers. Now that those soldiers have witnessed the successful prisoner deal, the former official said they will be less fearful that peace talks are a sell-out to the West or the U.S.-backed Afghan government.

PACIFIC

Promise: Landlord finally looked in soldier's boxes after six years

FROM FRONT PAGE

The 81-year-old Tamanaha still wears Van Wissem's faded green military jacket when he does yard work at his home in Ginowan.

"Who would save something for such a long period of time for a stranger?" asked Van Wissem's daughter, Chantal Dortants-Van Wissem, from her home in the Netherlands. "It's amazing."

'It's history'

It has been nearly 50 years since the balmy day when Van Wissem stopped by Tamanaha's yard with a favor to ask. The quiet and mild-mannered soldier with the "gentle look on his face" had never spoken with his landlord — and they would never speak again — but that fleeting moment forever linked the two men.

"He asked me to keep two boxes that contained his belongings while he was away," Tamanaha said recently. "He promised me he'd be back in three months. I had a feeling that he had gone to war."

It was April 1965 when Van Wissem, then a member of 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173d Airborne Brigade, left Okinawa, according to military records and the 1964 1/503rd Yearbook. The records don't say where he was headed, and there is a gap of a couple of months in his service record.

The U.S. had just officially entered into the war with Vietnam with the Tonkin Gulf Resolution a few months earlier. Japan was quickly becoming a launch pad for forces heading to southeast Asia.

Members of the 1/503rd at the time recalled advanced parties being flown into Vietnam on May 4 and the rest of the brigade deploying the next day.

The 1/503rd deployed to Vung Tau and the rest of the brigade deployed to Bien Hoa, according to Craig Ford of 1/503rd's Charlie Company. It took several days to fly everyone in. Some of the support troops traveled by boat.

Ford said they were on temporary duty of 90 to 120 days, which could be why Van Wissem thought he would be returning to Okinawa. But the unit was permanently reassigned to Vietnam.

After Van Wissem left Okinawa, Tamanaha went to the home down the street from his own that he had rented to Van Wissem and several other American soldiers. There, in Van Wissem's meticulous room, he found two boxes, each about 5 feet long, 2 feet wide and 2 feet tall. They were tightly covered and nailed shut.

Tamanaha lugged the boxes to his home and put them deep in his closet for safekeeping, never telling his family about them, he said. Then he watched as days turned into months, and months turned into years.

"After he left Okinawa, I was told that he was with a parachute squadron and that not many troops survived," Tamanaha said. "So I have been wondering all these years."

After about six years, Tama-



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Stacks of photos and letters detailing the youth of Army Pfc. Pierre Mathieu Van Wissem are stacked on the table of retired Marine Mark Simmons at his home in Sasebo, Japan. Simmons took possession of the letters and photos on behalf of Seikichi Tamanaha to try and track down Van Wissem. Van Wissem is seen leaning back on his backpack with his eyes closed.

naha told the housing agent for his apartment about the boxes. Curiosity got the better of the two men and they decided to take a peek.

Inside, they found a military uniform and jacket, a sleeping bag, a half-dozen surgical scissors, safety pins and neatly wrapped razor blades, as well as a bundle of photographs, negatives and letters.

It was the little things that had endeared Van Wissem to his Japanese landlord even though they barely knew each other. There was something about the gentle nature of his face, his sincerity and the meticulous way he cleaned his room before he left and stored his belongings.

"We hardly talked, but my impression about him is proven, I think, in the way he kept his personal belongings in the boxes," he said. "I could tell he was a thorough and conscientious person."

Sensing Van Wissem might not come back, Tamanaha gave away some of the clothing, the sleeping bag and other items but could not bring himself to dispose of the photos and letters.

"I decided to keep them for him because I know how much they meant to him," he said. "All these years, I had some hope that he would come back one of these days to pick them up."

Hope faded with each passing year, especially the last 10, Tamanaha said. Holding those precious items weighed on him until he finally decided to enlist some help.

A few years ago, the silver-haired Japanese grandfather passed the photos to his daughter, Naoko, who passed them to her friend, Meiko Simmons, hoping that her Marine husband, retired Staff Sgt. Mark Simmons, could help track down Van Wissem. Naoko said the photos and letters seemed like unfinished homework to her father.

Simmons retired from the Corps after 22 years in 1993 but lived and worked on Okinawa off and on from about 1972 to 2006 and lives today at Sasebo Naval Base, where he works in the environmental department. Wherever Simmons went, the photos and letters went with him.

"It's history; it's the past; if it were me, I'd want them back,"

Simmons said of the letters. Tamanaha "thought because I was in the service, I could track him down and give him his stuff back ... I thought it would be an interesting project."

A father, revealed

The piles of letters are mostly from young women from around the world as well as from Van Wissem's family in Maastricht, the Netherlands. They depict a charmer who could be brash sometimes and displayed a temper but loved women, a good drink and steak dinners. He joined the military in 1963 because he had gone to Canada and then to America in search of good-paying jobs.

"I want you to know that I will never forget you, especially when I look at my ring that you gave me," wrote a woman from Montreal. "Give my regards to your buddies and say that you also have a girl waiting for you on the other side of the ocean," wrote another from Sweden.

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Stars and Stripes looks back at the Vietnam War and the cultural changes that surrounded it. With contributions from the men and women who were there, we will examine how the war was executed, how it changed our military and foreign policy thinking, and how America viewed itself then and now.

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MILITARY

US, S. Korea mull 'safety zones' near installations

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SEOUL, South Korea — The United States and South Korea are considering installing "safety zones" around American military installations in an effort to improve the security of residents who live in their vicinity.

U.S. representatives introduced the idea last week in Seoul during a Joint SOFA Committee meeting discussion on U.S. military operations. The proposal could gain traction because of the increased scrutiny on the South Korean government's safety measures in the wake of a ferry accident that killed hundreds of teenagers.

South Korea's Yonhap News Agency reported that those buffer zones around U.S. Forces Korea facilities would protect residents from possible accidents, including those at ammunition dumps, although the Foreign Ministry said the design of the zones had not been decided.

A statement issued late last

week by U.S. Forces Korea said the zones are of "utmost importance."

"The unrestricted growth of civilian businesses and residential dwellings in close proximity to some of our military installations could potentially pose considerable safety concerns," the statement said.

The statement did not specify what those safety concerns were, but noted that "all U.S. and (South Korean) military units comply with multiple layers of safety procedures and protocols."

A key safety protocol for storage sites is a "safety arc" that sets boundaries around critical infrastructure, USFK said. The command's statement said the South Korean government is responsible for enforcing safety easements outside USFK installations. A South Korean official with the Foreign Ministry's SOFA team said the safety zones would help minimize the impact of unspecified "risk elements" and possible accidents on USFK facilities.

Neither USFK nor South Korea

has released details about where the safety zones or arcs would be located, how wide they would be or when they might be put into place. Nor did they address whether the zones would lead to the displacement of South Korean residences and businesses, which are often clustered in "villes" near the entrance of some installations. For instance, a number of shops and eateries in the Songtan shopping district are situated directly outside one of the main entrances into Osan Air Base.

The proposed safety zones come as the South Korean government is under pressure to improve its oversight of safety issues after the April 16 sinking of the Sewol ferry, which left more than 300 passengers, many of them high school students, dead. The sinking has been linked to the improper securing of cargo, changes made to the structure of the ship and human error.

"We explained to the U.S. side that the issue of safety has recently become very important to us," a South Korean government



ARMANDO R. LIMON/Stars and Stripes

South Korean businesses located near U.S. installations, such as this Turkish kebab restaurant just outside a walk-in gate at Osan Air Base, could be affected by proposed "safety zones" around U.S. military installations that are part of an effort to improve safety for nearby residents.

official told Yonhap.

The MOFA official said that while safety matters have become an issue since the sinking of the Sewol, the consideration of safety zones outside U.S. bases was not prompted solely because

of the accident.

Both USFK and the Foreign Ministry said the Joint SOFA Committee plans to study the matter closely.

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US military aircraft to make historic stop at ex-Soviet air base

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — U.S. military aircraft from Germany will make a historic stop Tuesday at a former Soviet base that's part of a major U.S.-led military exercise in the Baltics.

Three C-130Js are scheduled to arrive at Lielvarde Air Base,

Latvia, making them the first U.S. Air Force aircraft to land at the newly renovated installation, the U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa said.

The aircraft are from the 37th Airlift Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

The planes are bringing equipment and about 92 airmen from the 435th Contingency Response

Group to participate in the Air Force Europe Saber Strike 2014. The aircraft also will support the ground forces of the exercise with cargo drops at Adazi Training Area, USAFE said in a news release.

U.S. Army Europe has led the annual Saber Strike exercise since 2011. This year's exercise — a two-week event — is focused on

promoting interoperability with regional partners and improving joint operational capability in a variety of missions, according to a U.S. European Command news release.

Another NATO exercise is also taking place in the region. Forces from 13 countries and NATO are participating in Exercise BALTOPS 2014, which started last

week. The exercise aims to improve maritime security in the Baltic Sea.

This year's drills in the region come amid strained relations between NATO and Russia over the Ukrainian crisis. Russia last week launched a military exercise in Kaliningrad in response to the NATO exercises in the Baltics.

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Promise: Okinawan man 'happy' to learn soldier survived war, had a family



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Seikichi Tamanaha, 81, wears the jacket of Army Pfc. Pierre Mathieu Van Wissem in his garden in Ginowan, Okinawa, where the men met almost 50 years ago. Van Wissem asked Tamanaha to hold onto his belongings while he went to Vietnam but he never returned. Despite Van Wissem's death in 2003, Tamanaha returned the items to Van Wissem's children this month.

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The photos were taken all over the world, from France to Montreal to Atlanta.

Simmons paid for online services that track people down, but too many names came up. He tried to get Van Wissem's military records but hit another wall.

"I didn't think it would be as difficult as it was," he said. "I just kept running into dead ends, so I just gave up."

That's when National Personnel Records Center management analyst Niels Zussblatt got involved and delivered bad news: He found a Dutch obituary online for Van Wissem, who died in 2003. However, he also found a lead on Van Wissem's children, living in the Netherlands. "It was sad to learn that he had already gone, but yet I was very happy to hear that he was survived by his children," Tamanaha said. "He survived the war, went home and had his own family. Learning about this made

me very happy."

To Van Wissem's children — daughter Chantal Dortants-Van Wissem and son Jeanneau Van Wissem — their father had always been an enigma.

He lived in the Netherlands most of his life and was a successful businessman. But he never talked about his past and was often emotionally disconnected. While he always put his children first, he suffered bouts of depression and rage.

From what they have put together from things he left behind, letters from the Defense Department and hints he dropped over the years, they believe he went to Vietnam but was wounded soon after arriving. While recovering in Germany, he deserted.

The war was a cloud that followed him for the rest of his life.

"It left a mark on his soul," Jeanneau said.

"His decisions afterward were always influenced by what he

saw or did in Vietnam, we think," Chantal Dortants-Van Wissem said. "He never told us. Mother always told us that is why he was depressed."

The letters showed that he wasn't always "grumpy."

At one time, he was that young, sincere, soldier with the gentle face, mugging for the camera next to a beautiful woman.

After helping the Van Wissem children to better understand their father more than 10 years after his death, from halfway around the world, Tamanaha's work is done.

He was overwhelmed to think that the treasured letters and items had finally reached Van Wissem's children — "the right place where the items and his thoughts belong," he said.

"I feel like I had a longtime weight finally lifted off my chest."

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IRAQ

US open to talks with Iran over Iraq

By MATTHEW LEE
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WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is willing to talk with Iran over deteriorating security conditions in Iraq and is not ruling out potential U.S.-Iranian military cooperation in stemming the advance of Sunni extremists, Secretary of State John Kerry said Monday.

Kerry also said that U.S. airstrikes, including from unmanned drones, "may well" be an option that President Barack Obama chooses to try to halt the advance of fighters from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL.

In the last week, the ISIL, has taken Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul, and Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit in a lightning offensive that has plunged Iraq into its worst crisis since before the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. troops. Over the week-

end, militants posted graphic photos that appeared to show their gunmen massacring scores of captured Iraqi soldiers.

In an interview with Yahoo! News, Kerry said Washington is "open to discussions" with Tehran if the Iranians can help end the violence and take steps that would restore confidence in the Iraqi government. Asked about possible military cooperation with Iran, Kerry said he would "not rule out anything that would be constructive." However, he stressed that any contacts with Iran would move "step-by-step."

"We're open to discussions if there is something constructive that can be contributed by Iran, if Iran is prepared to do something that is going to respect the integrity and sovereignty of Iraq and ability of the government to reform," Kerry said.

On military cooperation, Kerry was cautious but not dismissive.

"At this moment, I think we need to go

step-by-step and see what in fact might be a reality. But I would not rule out anything that would be constructive in providing real stability, a respect for the constitution, a respect for the election process and a respect for the ability of the Iraqi people to form a government that represents all the interests of Iraq," he said. "We are open to any constructive process here that would minimize the violence."

The Pentagon tried to tamp down expectations that there would be any military cooperation with Iran.

"There is absolutely no intention and no plan to coordinate military activities," Pentagon Press Secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby told reporters Monday. "There are no plans to do consultations on military activities inside Iraq with Iran."

In addition to possible discussions with Iran, Kerry said the Obama administration is actively considering unilateral air-

strikes to slow the ISIL insurgency that is threatening the government of President Nouri al-Maliki.

One possible first point of contact with the Iranians could come as early as Monday in Vienna, where senior U.S. officials are meeting with an Iranian delegations as part of unrelated six-nation nuclear talks.

A senior U.S. official in Vienna said there is a possibility that Deputy Secretary of State William Burns, who is leading the U.S. delegation, may discuss Iraq with Iranian diplomats on the sidelines of the nuclear talks.

In addition to a potential channel in Vienna, officials said U.S.-Iran talks could be held in Baghdad, possibly between the two countries' ambassadors to Iraq.

Stars and Stripes reporter Jon Harper and Associated Press writers Lolita C. Baldor, Kimberly Herling in Washington and George Jahn in Vienna contributed to this report.



Demonstrators chant slogans Monday in support of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant as they carry jihadi flags in front of the provincial government headquarters in Mosul, Iraq.

Militants: Town residents 'gripped by fear'

FROM FRONT PAGE

Tal Afar is dominated by ethnic Turkmen, who are both Sunni and Shiite, and is a key prize for the insurgents as it sits less than 100 miles from the Syrian border. The al-Qaida breakout group leading the push in Iraq also is fighting in the civil war next door in Syria, where it controls territory abutting the Iraqi border.

Tal Afar Mayor Abdulabdul told The Associated Press that the city of 200,000 people was taken just before dawn, nearly a week after the al-Qaida splinter group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant began its lightning advance with the capture of Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city.

The militants' capture of Tal Afar on Monday was a key prize,

as it sits on a main highway between the Syrian border and Mosul. Tal Afar was the scene of heavy fighting between U.S. soldiers and Sunni insurgents in 2004 and 2005.

Farther south, Islamic State fighters Monday were battling government troops at Romanah, a village near another of Iraq's main border crossings into Syria in Sunni-majority Anbar province, according to a security official in Baghdad who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Fighting in Tal Afar began Sunday, with Iraqi government officials saying that Sunni fighters were firing rockets seized from military arms depots in the Mosul area. They said the local garrison

suffered heavy casualties and the main hospital was unable to cope with the wounded, without providing exact numbers.

A resident in Tal Afar, 260 miles northwest of Baghdad, said over the telephone that militants in pickups mounted with machine guns and flying black jihadi banners were roaming the streets as the gunfire rang out.

The local security force left the town before dawn, said Hadeer al-Abadi, who spoke to the AP as he prepared to head out of town with his family. Local tribesmen who continued to fight later surrendered to the militants, he said.

"Residents are gripped by fear and most of them have already left the town for areas held by Kurdish security forces," al-Abadi said.

550 Marines being sent to the Persian Gulf for potential Iraq operations

By JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The USS Mesa Verde, carrying about 550 Marines, entered the Persian Gulf on Monday as the U.S. prepares for potential Iraq contingency operations, according to Navy and Marine Corps officials.

The Mesa Verde, an amphibious transport dock, carries a complement of MV-22 Osprey aircraft, which can take off and land like a helicopter but fly like an airplane.

"It's presence in the Gulf adds to that of other U.S. naval ships already there ... and provides the commander-in-chief additional options to protect American citizens and interests in Iraq, should he choose to use them," Pentagon Press Secretary Rear Adm. Kirby said in a statement.

On Friday, President Barack Obama said that he was weighing the possibility of taking military action against Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants, which have taken over large swaths of Iraq in the past week. No decisions have been made about the U.S. of military force, officials have said.

On Saturday, the Department of Defense announced that the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush, along with the guided-missile cruiser USS Philippine Sea and the guided-missile destroyer USS Truxtun, had been deployed

to the Gulf.

On Sunday, the Pentagon said a small number of DOD personnel had been sent to boost security at American diplomatic facilities in Baghdad.

"The U.S. military has airlift assets at the ready should the State Department request them, as per normal interagency support arrangements," Kirby said in a statement when the announcement was made.

U.S. officials are also concerned about the safety of American citizens and diplomatic facilities in the country, and the State Department has issued safety warnings to U.S. citizens who are there.

On Sunday, the State Department announced it had temporarily relocated some diplomatic staff from the embassy in Baghdad to the U.S. consulates in Basra and Irbil, as well as Amman, Jordan, due to security concerns. The majority of U.S. Embassy personnel in Iraq will remain in place for now, according to the State Department.

The Obama administration was widely criticized for its response to the militant attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi in 2012, during which four Americans were killed, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens.

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IRAQ

Rise of Shiite militias could fracture nation

By HAMZA HENDAWI
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The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Emboldened by a call to arms by the top Shiite cleric, Iranian-backed militias have moved quickly to the center of Iraq's political landscape, spearheading what its Shiite majority sees as a fight for survival against Sunni militants who control large swaths of territory north of Baghdad.

The emergence of the militias as a legitimate force enjoying the support of the Shiite-led government and the blessing of the religious establishment poses a threat to Iraq's unity, planting the seed for new sectarian strife and taking the regional Shiite-Sunni divide to a potentially explosive level.

Iraq's Shiite militias attacked U.S. forces during the eight-year American presence in the country. They also were in the lead in the Sunni-Shiite killings of 2006-07, pushing Iraq to the brink of civil war. Their death squads targeted radical Sunnis and they orchestrated the cleansing of Sunnis from several Baghdad neighborhoods.

More recently, Shiite militias have been battling inside the offices of President Bashar Assad and Lebanon's Shiite Hezbollah against mostly Sunni rebels and

militants in neighboring Syria. Some of them have returned home to Iraq — first to fight Sunni militants in Anbar province, and now on Baghdad's northern fringes. Those are the areas where the Sunni militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL, captured cities and towns in a lightning offensive last week.

Security officials said Shiite militiamen have been fighting for months on the government's side against ISIL fighters in areas west of Baghdad in mainly Sunni Anbar province as well as parts of Diyala province northeast of the capital. They also have been fighting Sunni militants south of Baghdad. Their involvement, however, has never been publicly acknowledged by the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

Their enhanced role in the fight against the Sunni militants will deepen Iran's influence in Iraq, giving the non-Arab and mostly Shiite country a role similar to the one it plays in Syria. Tehran has thrown its weight behind Assad's government in his struggle against mostly Sunni rebels and militants from al-Qaida-inspired or linked groups.

Shiite militiamen interviewed in the past two days talk of undergoing training in Iran and then being flown to Syria to fight on the government's side. Once



NABIL AL-JURANI/AP

Shiite tribal fighters raise their weapons and chant slogans against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, on Sunday.

there, they say they are met by Iranian operatives who give them weapons and their assignment.

Ominously, they don't see the ISIL as their sole enemy; they also list Iraqi Sunnis whom they accuse of supporting the group in areas now under the militants'

control.

Their comments also suggest a high level of acquiescence by al-Maliki's Shiite-led government. Six years ago, the government battled the Shiite militias in Basra to establish his authority and project his image as a na-

tional leader. Now, al-Maliki publicly meets with militia leaders like Qais al-Khazali, of the Iranian-backed Asaib Ahl al-Haq, or League of the Righteous, a group that staged some spectacular attacks against U.S. troops before their withdrawal in 2011.

Christians flee to northern town amid militant push

By DIAA HADID
The Associated Press

ALQOSH, Iraq — Over the past decade, Iraqi Christians have fled repeatedly to this ancient mountainside village, seeking refuge from violence, then returning home when the danger eased. Now they are doing it again as Islamic militants rampage across northern Iraq, but this time few say they ever want to go back to their homes.

The flight is a new blow to Iraq's dwindling Christian community, which is almost as old as the religion itself but which has been devastated since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

During the past 11 years, at least half of the country's Christian population has fled the country, according to some estimates, to escape frequent attacks by Sunni Muslim militants targeting them and their churches.

Many of those who held out and remained may be giving up com-



AP

An Iraqi child works on a temporary mosaic of Pope Francis' face to commemorate an upcoming harvest feast at the Chaldean Church of the Virgin Mary of the Harvest in Alqosh, Iraq.

pletely after fighters belonging to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant swept over the city of Mosul and a broad swath of the

country the past week.

"I'm not going back," said Lina, who fled Mosul with her family as the militants swept in and came

to Alqosh, about 31 miles to the north.

"Each day we went to bed in fear," the 57-year-old woman said, sitting in a house for displaced people. "In our own houses we knew no rest."

Like other Christians who fled here, she spoke on condition she be identified only by her first name for fear for her safety.

In leaving, the Christians are emptying out communities that date to the first centuries of the religion, including Chaldean, Assyrian and Armenian churches. In the past week, some 160 Christian families — mostly from Mosul — have fled to Alqosh, Mayor Sabir Boutani told The Associated Press, consulting first on the number with his wife by speaking in Chaldean, the ancient language spoken by many residents.

Alqosh, dating at least to the 1st century BC, is a jumble of pastel-painted homes nestled at the base of a high craggy hill among rolling plains of wheat fields.

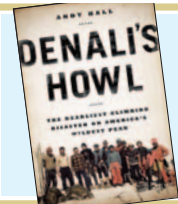
The village's population of

6,000 is about half Christian and half ethnic Kurds. It is located just outside the autonomous Kurdish zone of northern Iraq, and Kurdish fighters known as peshmarga have moved into the town to protect it.

Iraq was estimated to have more than 1 million Christians before the 2003 invasion and toppling of Saddam Hussein. Now church officials estimate 450,000 remain within Iraq borders.

In Alqosh, the newcomers and the residents united in prayer at Sunday Mass in the Chaldean Church of the Virgin Mary of the Harvest, held by Friar Gabriel Tooma. On the church floor was spread a mosaic made of beans, lentils, wheat and other produce from the area, assembled to commemorate the upcoming harvest.

"People are afraid of what's coming next," Tooma said. "I fear there will be a day when people will say, 'There were once Christians in Iraq.'"



In 1967, twelve young men set out to climb Alaska's Mount McKinley—known as Denali—one of the world's most popular and deadly mountaineering destinations. At nearly 20,000 feet, they endured winds of up to 300 miles an hour, freezing flesh solid in minutes. Only five survived.

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NATION

High court rules on 'straw' purchases of guns

By SAM HANANEL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A divided Supreme Court sided with gun control groups and the Obama administration Monday, ruling that the federal ban on "straw" purchases of guns can be enforced even if the ultimate buyer is legally allowed to own a gun.

The justices ruled 5-4 that the law applied to a Virginia man who bought a gun with the intention of transferring it to a relative in Pennsylvania who was not prohibited from owning firearms.

The ruling settles a split among appeals courts over federal gun laws intended to prevent sham buyers from obtaining guns for the sole purpose of giving them to another person. The laws were part of Congress' effort to make sure firearms did not get into the hands of unlawful recipients.

Writing for the majority, Justice Elena Kagan said the federal government's

'Lying' law challenged OK'd

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled unanimously on Monday that an anti-abortion group can challenge an Ohio law that bars people from making false statements about political candidates during a campaign.

The decision raises serious doubts about whether the law — and similar measures in more than a dozen other states — can survive amid complaints

elaborate system of background checks and record-keeping requirements help law enforcement investigate crimes by tracing guns to their buyers. Those provisions would mean little, she said, if a would-be gun buyer could evade them by simply getting another person to buy the gun and fill out the paperwork.

that they violate free speech rights.

The court did not directly rule on the constitutionality of the law, but the decision sends the case back to a lower court to consider the question.

Writing for the court, Justice Clarence Thomas said the existence of the law already has a chilling effect on political speech because people and interest groups have reason to believe their statements may be censured.

From The Associated Press

In dissent, Justice Antonin Scalia said the language of the law does not support making it a crime for one lawful gun owner to buy a gun for another lawful gun owner.

The case began after Bruce James Abramski, Jr. bought a Glock 19 handgun in Collinsville, Va., in 2009 and later transferred it to his uncle in Easton, Pa.

Abramski, a former police officer, had assured the Virginia dealer he was the "actual buyer" of the weapon even though he had already offered to buy the gun for his uncle using a police discount.

Abramski purchased the gun three days after his uncle had written him a check for \$400 with "Glock 19 handgun" written in the memo line. During the transaction, he answered "yes" on a federal form asking "Are you the actual transferee buyer of the firearm(s) listed on this form? Warning: You are not the actual buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person. If you are not the actual buyer, the dealer cannot transfer the firearm(s) to you."

Police later arrested Abramski after they thought he was involved in a bank robbery in Rocky Mount, Va. No charges were ever filed on the bank robbery, but officials charged him with making false statements about the purchase of the gun.

Starbucks clears path for workers to get degree

By CANDICE CHOI
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Starbucks is giving its baristas a bargain on an online college degree.

The company is partnering with Arizona State University to make an undergraduate education available at a steep discount to 135,000 U.S. employees who work at least 20 hours a week. Workers will be able to choose from 40 educational programs, and they won't be required to stay at Starbucks after earning the degree.

For freshman and sophomore years, students would pay a greatly reduced tuition after factoring in a scholarship from Starbucks, ASU and financial aid, such as Pell grants. For the junior and senior years, Starbucks would reimburse any money that workers pay out of pocket.

That means employees who already have two years of college under their belts would be able to finish school at no cost.

CEO Howard Schultz plans to make the announcement Monday at the Times Center in New York City, where Education Secretary Arne Duncan will be in attendance, along with 340 Starbucks employees and their families.

Tuition reimbursement is a rare benefit for low-wage workers in the retail industry. In 2010, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. started offering partial tuition grants for workers at American Public University, a for-profit, online school.

Starbucks already has program that reimburses workers for up to \$1,000 a year at City University of Seattle or at Strayer University. Starbucks says that will be phased out by 2015 in favor of the new program, which is far more generous.



MEL EVANS/AP

Firefighters pick through the rubble of a burned-out home as they look for clues to a fire that authorities say killed six people in Newark, N.J., on Sunday.

6 dead in Father's Day fire

The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — A teenager on a Father's Day visit to Newark to honor his deceased dad died, along with his mother and four others, when a fast-moving fire ripped through a three-story home early Sunday, authorities and the boy's grandmother said.

The blaze broke out at the single-family residence about 4 a.m. and soon spread to another home, the Essex County Prosecutor's office said. Both structures were destroyed.

Iris Sydney, of neighboring Irvington, stood outside the burned-out residence later Sunday, clutching a framed studio portrait of her grandson and his mother. They were supposed to meet her for a Father's Day service at the Solid Rock church, where his father attended services before he died two years ago in a bicycle accident in Newark, she

told The Associated Press. But they never showed up.

When Sydney returned home from church, a sheriff's deputy was standing at her door and gave her the sad news: Stephan Sydney, 15, and his mother, Noreen "Michelle" Johnson, were killed in the fire, along with four others.

Iris Sydney said the boy and his mother were visiting from Craw-ford, Ga., and were staying with Johnson's relatives at the house, now black and charred, when the fire broke out. The boy had gotten a haircut for church.

"I can't believe this," she said. "But I'm telling you: I buried my husband ... I bury my son, and now this is my grandchild. I feel it. I feel it in my heart ... This is a sad day for the Sydney family. It is."

Authorities have not determined the cause of the fire but say it doesn't appear to be suspicious.

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WORLD

Airstrike kills 20 in Syrian city of Aleppo

The Associated Press

BEIRUT — An airstrike in the northern Syrian city of Aleppo killed 20 people on Monday as helicopter gunships pounded a rebel-held neighborhood, two activists said.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Aleppo Media Center said the bombing occurred in the city's

Sukkari neighborhood and that there were children among the victims.

The Observatory said 20 people died while the Aleppo Media Center put the death toll at 30. Disparate figures are often common in the immediate aftermath of large attacks.

Both activists groups said scores of wounded were rushed to makeshift hospitals in the city.

The attack struck near a center where aid was being distributed, which caused the large number of casualties, they said.

The Observatory released a photograph it said was of the aftermath of the strike, showing a heavily damaged building with one of the shops on the ground floor on fire.

Debris and electrical cables were scattered in the street. The

photograph appeared genuine and matched Associated Press reporting of the event.

The Syrian military has been dropping barrel bombs — crude weapons filled with gasoline that inflict much devastation on impact — over Aleppo's rebel-held areas. The Observatory, which relies on reports from activists on the ground, said the airstrikes have killed more than 2,000 since

January.

Aleppo, Syria's largest city, has been carved up into rebel- and government-controlled areas since opposition fighters launched an offensive in the country's north in mid-2012.

Syria's conflict, now in its fourth year, has killed at least 160,000 people, according to activists, and forced nearly 3 million to flee the country.

Pakistan military kills 37 militants

By Ijaz Muhammad
and Asif Shahzad

The Associated Press

BANNU, Pakistan — Pakistani jets pounded targets in the country's northwest on Monday as the military waged an offensive against militant safe havens that killed 37 fighters, while insurgents fought back with a roadside bomb that killed six soldiers, the first army casualties of the operation, the military said.

The airstrikes are part of a long-awaited operation against foreign and local militants in North Waziristan, a tribal region near the Afghan border that is used by insurgents to attack the rest of Pakistan. The operation was first announced on Sunday.

The essentially lawless region serves as a training base for militants and a staging point for insurgents who attack NATO and Afghan troops across the border.

The United States for years has complained to Pakistan about its failure to impose order in a region harboring what Washington considers the country's most dangerous militants, and has carried out hundreds of drone strikes in the area.

The airstrikes early Monday targeted six hideouts in the Shawal area near the border with South Waziristan, a neighboring tribal region, killing 27 militants, the military said.

Separately, the military said

seven militants were killed trying to escape Mir Ali, one of the two main towns in North Waziristan, and another three were killed by snipers while trying to lay roadside bombs near Miran Shah, the region's other main town. Three Pakistani troops were wounded in an exchange of fire with militants.

The military said in a statement that six troops died and three were wounded by the roadside bomb as the Pakistani Taliban warned that more violence could be in the offing.

A spokesman for the militants warned in a statement sent to reporters that international investors, foreign airlines and multinational organizations should leave Pakistan or they'd be considered supporters of the government and fair game.

Shahidullah Shahid also vowed to retaliate in the cities of Islamabad and Lahore, saying they would burn the mansions of the country's rulers. Those cities have largely been spared the bombings and shootings that plague cities like Karachi and Peshawar.

Few details have been released about the size of the operation or the military assets involved.

The military said troops were sent off the North Waziristan borders and the main cities, ensuring the evacuation of civilians in addition to establishing areas where militants can surrender their weapons.



A man looks at the remains of destroyed vehicles and buildings Monday in the town of Mpeketoni, about 60 miles from the Somali border on the coast of Kenya.

Gunmen slay 48 in Kenya attack

By Tom Odula
and Jason Straziulo
The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Dozens of extremists attacked a Kenyan coastal town for hours, killing those who weren't Muslim and those who didn't know the Somali language, officials and witnesses said Monday. At least 48 people were killed and two hotels were set on fire.

The assault in Mpeketoni began Sunday night as residents watched World Cup matches on TV and lasted until early Monday, with little resistance put up by Kenya's security forces. Cars and buildings still smoldered at daybreak.

Authorities blamed al-Shabab, Somalia's al-Qaida-linked terror group, who have vowed to carry out terror attacks to avenge the Kenyan military presence in Somalia. Along with its Somali fighters, the group also has many Kenyan adherents. By midday Monday, the group had not claimed responsibility.

Like the gunmen who attacked Nairobi's Westgate Mall last year, the Mpeketoni attackers gave life-or-death religious assessment, a witness said, killing those who were not Muslim.

"They came to our house at around 8 p.m. and asked us in Swahili whether we were Muslims. My husband told them we were Christians and they shot him in the head and chest," said Anne Gathigi.

Another resident, John Waweru, said his two brothers were killed because the attackers did not like that the brothers did not speak Somali.

"My brothers who stay next door to me were killed as I watched. I was peeping from my window and I clearly heard them speak to my brothers in Somali and it seems since my brothers did not meet their expectations, they sprayed them with bullets and moved on," said Waweru.

At the Breeze View Hotel, the gunmen pulled the men aside and ordered the women to watch as they killed them, saying it was what Kenyan troops are doing to Somali men inside Somalia, a police commander said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to share such details of the attack.

Interior Minister Joseph Ole Lenku said the attackers fled into the nearby wilds, known as the Boni Forest, after a "fierce exchange of fire" with security

forces. He said 20 vehicles had been set on fire.

At a news conference, Ole Lenku was forced to defend the government's security record after a string of attacks. He also warned opposition politicians against inciting violence, saying it was possible the attack was linked to politics. The claim was immediately dismissed by security experts who are now a staple of Kenyan news shows.

Kenya's top police commander, David Kimani, said the death toll was 48. A police spokeswoman said authorities believe that several dozen attackers took part.

Mpeketoni is about 20 miles southwest of the tourist center of Lamu. Any tourism in Mpeketoni is mostly local, with few foreigners visiting the area. The town is 60 miles from the Somali border and 360 miles from the capital, Nairobi.

Kenya has experienced a wave of gunfire and explosive attacks in recent months. The U.S., U.K., France, Australia and Canada have all recently upgraded their terror threat warnings for the country. U.S. Marines behind sandbag bunkers are now stationed on the roof of the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi.



Ijaz Muhammad/AP

Pakistani police officers check identities of motorcyclists in Bannu, near the tribal area of North Waziristan, on Monday.

WORLD

Russia cuts gas to Ukraine as tensions grow

BY NATALIYA VASILEVA
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The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia on Monday cut gas supplies to Ukraine as a payment deadline passed and negotiators failed to reach a deal on gas prices and unpaid bills amid continued fighting in eastern Ukraine.

The decision does not immediately affect the gas flow to Europe, but could disrupt the long-term energy supply to the region if the issue is not resolved, analysts said.

Ukraine's Naftogaz company head, Andriy Kobolev, said Russia had cut the supply of gas to Ukraine, but that Ukraine can manage without Russian gas until December.

Gazprom spokesman Sergei Kupriyanov said that because Ukraine had paid nothing for the gas by Monday, from now on the company would demand that Ukraine pay in advance for deliveries.

Ukraine was ready to accept a compromise in talks in Kiev of paying \$1 billion now and more later, but Russia didn't accept the offer, the European Commission said in a statement.

Ukraine has been chronically behind on payments for the gas needed to heat homes and to fuel its industries. The gas conflict is part of a wider dispute over whether Ukraine aligns itself with Russia or with the European Union. It comes in the midst of the severe crisis in relations between the two countries that has followed Russia's annexation of Crimea in March. Ukraine accuses Russia of supporting a separatist insurgency in its eastern regions, which Russia denies.

The pipeline to Ukraine also carries gas



PAVEL GOLOVKIN/AP

A man fuels his car with the headquarters of Russia's state-run natural gas giant, Gazprom, in the background Monday in Moscow.

meant for Europe, but Kupriyanov said that the supply to Europe will continue as planned. Ukraine has the obligation to make sure the gas will reach European customers, he said.

However, Gazprom has notified the European Commission of "a possible disruption in the gas transit" in case Ukraine decides to siphon off the gas, the company said.

Analyst Tim Ash, at Standard Bank PLC, said Russia was likely to cut off only the

gas meant for Ukraine, but that Ukraine in theory simply could take what it wants because the gas is intermixed. That would result in a shortage in pipelines to Europe that could hinder the buildup of stored gas ahead of the winter heating season, when demand is higher.

"So the message is that this is unlikely to bring a short-term hit to gas supply in Europe, but it will build up problems for the winter unless a deal is reached quickly," he said in an email.

Bulgaria, Slovakia and Hungary get 80 percent or more of their gas from Russia, while Poland, Austria and Slovenia get about 60 percent.

Sabine Berger, a European Union spokeswoman, said in Brussels there was no official information as to changes in gas supply to the EU, and that as far as she knew, the flows remained "normal."

Amid mounting tensions between Russia and Ukraine, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Monday he will never again speak to his Ukrainian counterpart, who showed up at a weekend protest in Kiev and used a four-letter word to denounce Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Ukrainian demonstrators spat the Russian Embassy in Kiev with paint and eggs Saturday after pro-Russia separatists shot down a Ukrainian military transport plane, killing all 49 people aboard. In Moscow, police detained several men who were throwing flares at the Ukrainian Embassy.

In December, Russia offered the previous Ukrainian president, Viktor Yanukovich, a discounted price of \$268.50 per thousand cubic meters after he backed out of an economic and political agreement with the EU under pressure from Moscow.

Russia annulled all price discounts after Yanukovich was chased from power in February following months of protests, raising the price to \$485 per thousand cubic meters starting April 1.

Amid the talks, Russia has offered \$385, the price that Ukraine was paying until December, but Kiev insisted on a lower price.

Trial begins in Guam stabbing rampage

By GRACE GARCÉS BORDALLO
The Associated Press

HAGATNA, Guam — The murder trial of a 22-year-old man charged with killing three Japanese tourists during a rampage on Guam last year opened Monday with the prosecution saying rage triggered the attack, while the defense argued the defendant was mentally ill.

Authorities accuse Chad Ryan DeSoto of barreling his car down a sidewalk, crashing into a convenience store, then getting out and stabbing bystanders during the Feb. 12, 2013, attack that killed the three tourists and injured 11 others.

Chief Prosecutor Phillip J. Tydingco told the 11-woman, one-man jury that DeSoto, his anger and rage fueled problems with his life and relationships, committed his crimes in the heart of Guam's Tumon tourist district.

DeSoto "shattered the peaceful and once enjoyable tropical night of at least 14 innocent human beings," Tydingco said. He argued that the defendant acted out "his anger over his depression, anger about his life, anger about his



MASAKO WATANABE, PACIFIC DAILY NEWS/AP

Chad DeSoto, right, sits in the Superior Court of Guam in Hagatna, Guam, on Monday during his trial in the deaths of three Japanese tourists and the injuring of several others in a 2013 attack.

girlfriend who left him a year or more ago to live away in Utah, anger about his job, his friends and family life."

Tydingco said he will present evidence that DeSoto told his mother four hours after the attack that he was going to jail.

The defendant sat impassively next to his counsel, public defender Eric Miller, as the prosecutor argued his guilt.

Tydingco called three witnesses to the stand Monday, including a security guard for The Globe nightclub who said he witnessed the defendant plow his car into pedestrians standing nearby.

The three tourists killed were Kazuko Uehara, 81, and Rie Sugiyama, 29, who were stabbed

to death, and Hitoshi Yokota, 51, who was hit by a car and died in a hospital two days later.

Miller told the panel that the case was about severe mental illness.

"He is not guilty by reason of insanity," Miller said. "Mental illness is like any illness. It's like breast cancer, tuberculosis, measles. You don't choose to get it."

About 120 people are expected to testify during the trial, which court officials say will likely last more than a month. One of the key witnesses expected to testify is the defendant's former girlfriend, Reanne Acasio.

Philippines: Ban South China Sea construction

By LOUISE WATT
The Associated Press

BEIJING — China rejected a suggestion by the Philippines on Monday for a regionwide ban on construction in the South China Sea after Beijing began building a school on a rugged outpost it created to strengthen its claims to disputed waters.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario said he will propose that the Association of Southeast Asian Nations call for such a moratorium. "I think we would use the international community to step up and to say that we need to manage the tensions in the South China Sea before it gets out of hand," del Rosario said.

In response, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua

Chunying told reporters that the Philippines was making "irresponsible remarks." She said China was committed to resolving issues with countries on a bilateral basis, and that island disputes between China and the Philippines were not an issue for ASEAN.

Hua said the Philippines was constructing its own facilities in the Spratlys, an island chain which is claimed by both countries, having announced plans to upgrade a runway and naval facilities and build an airport.

"The Philippines has been taking provocative actions to escalate tensions on the one hand, and making irresponsible remarks about what China has legitimately done within her sovereign rights on the other," Hua said. "That is totally unjustifiable."

3 get death in attack in Tiananmen Square

BEIJING — A Chinese court has sentenced three people to death and five others to prison in connection with a deadly terrorist attack in Beijing's Tiananmen Square last fall, authorities said Monday.

Two pedestrians were killed and about 40 were injured in the October incident, in which a jeep

drove through a crowd of tourists and then burst into flames in front of the Forbidden City in the center of the Chinese capital.

All three people in the vehicle — a man identified as Usman Hasan; his mother, Kuwanhan Reyim; and his wife, Gulzik Gini — died in the conflagration. A short video of the incident, apparently captured by closed-circuit security cameras, was released online Monday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Never feel guilty over benefits

Regarding the June 9 column "I'm an Army veteran, and my benefits are too generous": I respect retired Lt. Col. Tom Slear's point of view, but I am concerned that such a clinical approach overlooks the actual human purposes of these benefits.

Benefits aid tremendously in the recruitment effort. The high turnover of expiring four-year enlistments requires the United States to continually replenish a young and obedient all-volunteer force. Benefits are one way to encourage a constant flow of applicants.

Benefits also provide security. To commit one's life to service is no small matter. To submit oneself to the higher will of the greater good requires courage and, when war comes, all the more courage still. Benefits must expand to support the volunteer in return for what amounts to the price of his life. Food, clothing, housing, medical and dental care, and many other good things, are benefits of the sacrifice of service.

Every person who enters the armed forces is subject to danger on behalf of the nation, and is prepared to lay down his or her life in defense of the Constitution. Each may be yanked out of a peacetime environment and placed in harm's way at a moment's notice. Regardless, they are all volunteers despite the fact that not one of them has to be.

For those who feel diminished about serving in a support role, understand that the modern American military requires most of its people not to engage the enemy. By necessity, greater numbers remain be-

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hind than go forward. While the risk for these troops is not as great as it is for those who do, it is nonetheless infinitely greater than for the myriad citizens who do not accept the challenge of a military life.

In sum, military members have no moral obligation to surrender benefits. As well, negative opinions should not seep into our thoughts and cause guilt for the rightful benefits of our service.

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Colonial history hampers Iraq

Regarding the June 14 column "Extremists' gains in Iraq force US response": Retired Lt. Gen. James M. Dubik has an ax to grind with President Barack Obama's withdrawal from Iraq. But he gives Obama no credit for attempting to negotiate a continued U.S. presence in Iraq, and gives no credit to the Nouri al-Maliki government for its refusal to leave U.S. forces outside of Iraq justice in order to obtain their services. The largely Shiite army of the

central Iraqi government was resented in the western Iraqi Sunni areas, and had no Suni national guard local militias to back up its authority. When the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant attacked al-Maliki's forces recently, with Saudi-financed arms intended for Syria, it was no surprise that they had no local support.

The short-term military objective of stopping the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant offensive will not stop the artificial conflict generated by post-World War I boundaries, created to punish Axis allies and to reward Allied friends.

In that Versailles settlement, independent Kurdistan and Armenia were divided between Turkey, Iraq and the Soviet Union. The cultural exterminations of Ataturk and Josef Stalin are matters of record. The discrimination in Iraq was less extreme, but the remnants were nonetheless rendered powerless, with British-enforced Sunni domination of the Shiite majority, and cultural remnants of other minorities.

Saving Iraq in fact means that we will insist on continuing to punish the great-grandchildren of Iraqi minorities for the political sins of their ancestors. The United States cannot afford another decade, or another year, on such a fool's errand.

Establishing democracy is not a game that can be played with unwilling participants. It is time to think outside of the box. Reinforcing the political and strategic mistakes from a century of colonial mismanagement is more down show than political necessity.

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The hidden costs of consumers' loyalty

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Yes, United Continental Holdings has gone ahead with those dreaded changes to its MileagePlus frequent-flyer program. Starting March 1, 2015, the company confirmed this month, travelers will earn rewards based on dollars spent rather than miles flown. Delta Air Lines already made the switch earlier this year, and American Airlines is expected to switch to a dollar-based reward system after its merger with US Airways.

You would think these changes are bad for leisure travelers. While business travelers may get more rewards, consumers flying on discount fares will get less. A coast-to-coast round trip will no longer earn you 6,000 miles. At the high end, no-restriction fares may accrue more award miles; the miles saved for sale-price fares will be significantly fewer.

United has thrown a "curveball at customers," Brian Kelly, of mileage blog ThePointsGuy.com, said. "For the general traveler, this is a reduction in value earned from the program."

But the value that stingier loyalty programs hurt consumers is wrong. Here's why.

Businesses love to lock in their clients. Mobile-phone companies and satellite television providers require extended commitment from customers. Fitness clubs offer long-term subscriptions. They lure people into these contracts with upfront discounts, free phones, membership privileges and other perquisites. Then, patiently, over time, they recoup the costs of these incentives.

In an article forthcoming in the Journal of Legal Analysis, we show the effect of this lock-in. The consumer, who was originally happy to enter into these agree-

Consumers rarely notice that loyalty reward programs, such as airlines' frequent-flyer plans, are a lock-in in disguise.

ments and enjoy the discounts, becomes loyal against her will. She can't switch to lower-cost alternatives and can't quit when she no longer needs the service. If she tries to leave, a hefty early termination penalty awaits her.

That is why many people have grown to hate lock-in contracts, abhorring the exit penalties, inflexibility and extra cost they impose. Consumers are rightly seeking commitment-free options. And in many markets they are now offered such options — no-contract phone plans, for example, and pay-as-you-go gym memberships.

What consumers rarely notice, however, is that loyalty reward programs, such as airlines' frequent-flyer plans, are a lock-in in disguise. True, you don't pay an early termination fee when you abandon your longtime airline to take a more convenient and cheaper flight with Spirit Airlines. But there is an implicit penalty — what economists call an alternative cost — in the form of reduced rewards.

You were so close to the elite-level milestone of your loyalty airline, or you were so accustomed to the priority boarding or the free checked bag. Flying Spirit instead of United would set you back on these reward goals, so you decide to pay a higher ticket price, or fly at a less convenient time, just to remain in United's network.

Loyalty rewards lock consumers in just as effectively as termination penalties. A \$250 penalty creates the same loyalty incentive as a forgone \$250 reward. A rational consumer would recognize that both

programs penalize her for being unfaithful. The wireless company will charge a \$250 fee; the airline will deny a \$250 reward. Either way, the consumer sacrifices the flexibility to choose new, low-price or high-convenience options.

Loyalty deals are a honey trap. Take the loyalty cards offered by supermarkets and pharmacies. With consumers more eager to shop in their stores because of discounts and coupons, these chains can in turn charge higher prices. It is surprising that dollar stores and discount chains have no loyalty plans?

Loyalty programs, such as lock-in plans, also stifle competition. If many customers are loyal to existing stores and services, new entrants will have less business. This deters others from even trying to break in, and with fewer competitors, everyone pays more.

In fact, loyalty rewards are more harmful than exit penalties for two reasons. First, consumer protection laws have long targeted termination penalties and limited their dollar amount. But the law does nothing to protect consumers against the lock-in effect of loyalty plans. Why should it? There is no political pressure to regulate these beloved plans. Second, the psychology of "rewards" — as distinguished from "penalties" — explains why the same consumers who revolted against early termination fees and who sought market alternatives continue to chase loyalty programs.

By trimming down the miles, United and Delta have done their leisure travelers a service, making these plans less attractive and freeing their customers from the hidden cost of the programs. With less honey, the trap will be less effective.

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OPINION

Choice in Iraq: bad guys or bad government

BY DANIEL BYMAN

In the fight against jihadist insurgents across the planet, the United States can offer its partners a lot of help: arms and intelligence, training for local security forces, economic aid, and in extreme cases, airstrikes to take out the bad guys.

It is the allies, of course, that get to do the actual fighting and dying.

After more than a decade of conflicts in which American ground forces served in harm's way, the United States is moving to a more hands-off approach in its fight against insurgents with ideological or operational ties to al-Qaida. In Afghanistan, President Barack Obama has announced a major drawdown of troops, and in Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia and Yemen, the United States intervenes mainly via drones or small numbers of troops training local forces.

Now, with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant sweeping through major Iraqi cities, the Obama administration is weighing increased military assistance — though not, the president emphasized Friday, combat forces — for a country that Americans thought we'd already left behind.

This approach seems to strike a balance between risk and action, one the president highlighted in his recent West Point speech when he spoke of "empowering partners." It is the national governments, after all, that would seem to have even stronger interest than the United States in defeating the insurgencies raging in their countries. American assistance should help make their militaries more efficient, strengthen their economies and advance political reform — all of which, in theory, would weaken the insurgencies.

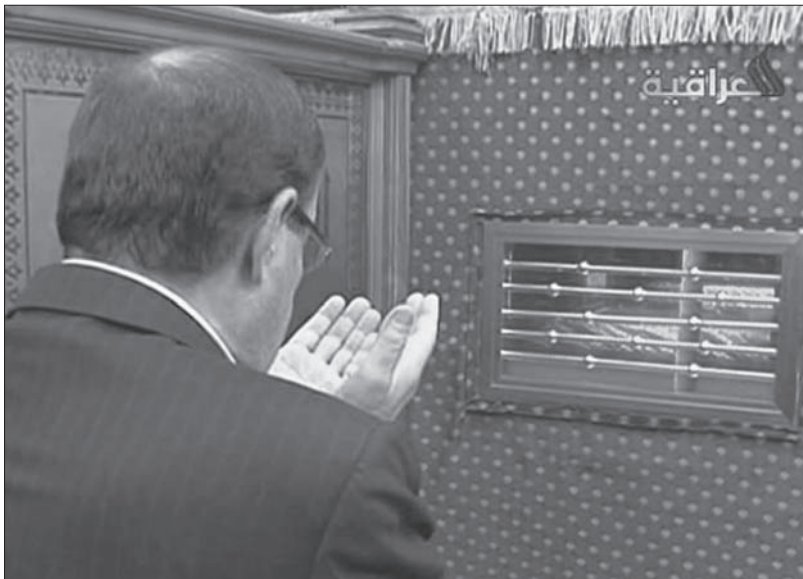
Unfortunately, there is a deep flaw in this strategy. Quite often, the allies we're seeking to help are themselves deeply flawed, corrupt, sectarian and repressive. And even worse, they are so by design — their problems are fundamental to the functioning of their politics. In such cases, U.S. assistance can help only on the margins. And that is precisely the case with Iraq today.

The presence of an insurgency is not random. Such movements emerge not only because of their grievances and ideologies but because of the weakness of their countries' governments. The political leadership, even if democratically elected, is usually considered illegitimate by at least one large segment of the population. Yemen's government, for instance, excludes southerners and systematically discriminates against the country's Zaydi religious community — and both groups have taken up arms against the regime.

Similarly, some groups, whether defined by ethnicity, tribe, geography or religion, get to feast at the government trough, enjoying educational opportunities and lucrative contracts, while others are shut out. Politicians rely on corruption to reward their supporters and at the same time ensure their loyalty by compromising them.

Some governments may even prefer a low-level insurgency because it keeps supporters unified and allows the regime to continue drawing foreign aid. Former Kyrgyz Prime Minister Kurmanbek Bakiyev, for example, once declared the U.S. military presence in his country to be a "gold mine."

U.S. officials may regard insurgents as the biggest threat to security in a given country, but many political leaders feel more threatened by possible coups launched by their own military forces. (In Egypt, Indonesia, Mali, Pakistan, Yemen and other countries dealing with jihadists, military officials have used power from civilian governments at various times.) To



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Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki prays at a revered Shiite shrine in Samarra, Iraq, on Friday. The Iraqi leader moved Friday to try to repair his shattered image after the disastrous loss of the north to Islamic militants.

protect themselves, civilian leaders fill top military positions with loyalists. In Saudi Arabia, for example, many senior officers are members of the royal family, while others have close ties by marriage. Competent, popular and independent military figures are a threat to the civilian leadership. In a country such as Iraq, an Eisenhower from the opposition would be jailed, not revered. Rivalry among military leaders is encouraged, making it unlikely that units can coordinate their operations. This may be a smart way to prevent a coup, but it's not the best way to defeat an insurgency.

In these scenarios, politicians rely on a few chosen military units to ensure their hold on power; the rest are more likely to sell their weapons to insurgents and desert or even defect rather than defend the regime when the shooting starts. The chosen units, drawn from loyal communities, are often regarded as hostile by the broader population. When suppressing the Punjab insurgency in the early 1980s, for example, Indian forces focused on protecting only local Hindus, wrongly regarding ordinary Sikhs as part of the enemy and thus alienating them. No surprise, the units loyal to the regime are often brutal and consider the hostile population an existential threat. The repression leads to increased support for the insurgency.

By encouraging democratic reforms in these circumstances, the United States threatens the national government's power. By encouraging minority rights, we undermine the privileges and biases of

the dominant community. By calling for an end to corruption and for transparency in government, we threaten the leader's ability to control and reward his base. And by pushing military reform, we risk making the military the only functioning institution in a weak country and making a coup more likely.

However, if the allied government does not reform, the insurgency is likely to continue, and the United States is accused — correctly, if unfairly — of supporting a dictator.

All of these problems are evident in Iraq today. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has systematically excluded moderate Sunni politicians from power, making that community far more sympathetic to extremists who paint him as an Iranian-controlled anti-Sunni fanatic. Out of 177 countries assessed by Transparency International last year, only six were ranked more corrupt than Iraq. The al-Maliki government has politicized the army — after years of U.S. efforts to improve the quality of the officer corps — fearing that it would become a base for rival groups. The military was brutal when suppressing unrest in Sunni areas last year. As one Iraqi in Mosul told *The New York Times* last week: "They are not the Iraqi Army; they are the militia of Maliki." The mass desertions we've seen in recent days in the face of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant onslaught are what happen when officers are corrupt and lose the faith of the men they command.

Yes, the United States can and should

offer more help to Iraq in exchange for social and electoral reforms. In the end, though, such efforts are likely to fail. What government will wholeheartedly carry out reforms that threaten its own power? Training and education for national forces can at times prove beneficial and help allies fight insurgencies, but the impact is usually limited. And no matter what rhetoric accompanies our aid, we will be painted as helping one side in a civil war. In Iraq's case, U.S. aid to the Shiite-dominated government will be portrayed as helping Iran and its Shiite allies consolidate power in the Middle East.

Historically, Americans are skeptical of taking steps to protect limited interests overseas. To gain domestic support for any action, the president must stress that vital U.S. interests are at stake and otherwise play up the threat. This gives foreign leaders leverage, because they know it makes it harder for the United States to walk away from any deal.

Obama has made scaling back U.S. military involvement in the Middle East a key achievement of his presidency. If he chooses to involve the United States in Iraq once more, he should recognize that he is choosing between bad guys and a bad government.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Income gap widens as factories close

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM
The Associated Press

READING, Pa. — In August 2008, factory workers David and Barbara Ludwig treated themselves to new cars — David a Dodge pickup, Barbara a sporty Mazda 3. With David making \$22 per hour and Barbara \$19, they could easily afford the payments. A month later, Baldwin Hardware, a unit of Stanley Black & Decker Corp., announced layoffs at the Reading plant where they both worked. David was unemployed for 20 months before finding a janitor job that paid \$10 per hour, less than half his previous wage. Barbara hung on but she, too, lost her shipping-clock job of 26 years as Black & Decker shifted production to Mexico. Now she cleans houses for \$10 per hour while looking for something permanent.

They still have the cars. The other hallmarks of their middle-class lifestyle? In the rear-view mirror.

The downfall of manufacturing in the U.S. has done more than displace workers and leave communities searching for ways to rebuild devastated economies. In Reading and other American factory towns, manufacturing's decline is a key factor in the widening income gap between the rich and everyone else, as people like the Ludwigs have been forced into far lower-paying work. It's not that there's a lack of jobs, but gains often come at either the highest end of the wage spectrum — or the lowest.

"A loss of manufacturing has contributed to the decline of the middle class," said Howard Wial, an economist with the Brookings Institution and the University of Illinois at Chicago. "People who are displaced from high-paying manufacturing jobs spend a long time unemployed, and when they take other jobs, those jobs generally pay substantially less."

Globalization, automation and recession destroyed nearly 6 million manufacturing jobs between

2000 and 2009. In Pennsylvania, between 2001 and 2011, 258,000 middle-income factory jobs were lost. At the same time, Pennsylvania added jobs at the lower end of the wage spectrum — in health care and social services — and at the highest end, in sectors like management and finance.

As poverty grew, so too did the gap between the rich and everyone else. In Berks County, of which Reading is the county seat, the difference between the income earned by the wealthiest 5 percent and by a median-income household rose 13.2 percent in 20 years, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Nationally, the wealth gap became even more pronounced, increasing 15.8 percent.

The toll can be seen at the Greater Berks Food Bank. It distributed 7.2 million pounds last year, up from 2.5 million pounds in 2001, and the food bank plans to move into a larger building to accommodate the surging demand. The latest wave of plant closures, beginning around the turn

of the millennium, hit companies like Dana Corp., Agere Systems, Ludden's, Glidden and Baldwin Hardware. Some 9,300 jobs evaporated between 2001 and 2011 — nearly a quarter of Berks County's manufacturing base, according to Penn State economists Theodore Alter and Theodore Fuller. They were replaced by jobs in lower-wage sectors like education and especially health care, a phenomenon that has played out around the state and nation.

Nationally, manufacturing declines accounted for 40 percent of the increase in joblessness from 2000 to 2011, according to labor economist Erik Hurst. The middle class was hit hardest.

For high-income college graduates, "It doesn't look like there was a recession," said Hurst, of the University of Chicago. "For lower-skilled (manufacturing) workers, the recession comes along, you get a big decline in employment, and it hasn't rebounded at all."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (June 17)	\$1.3904
Dollar buys (June 17)	€0.7192
British pound (June 17)	\$1.74
Japanese yen (June 17)	99.00
South Korean won (June 17)	994.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6995/0.5884
Canada (dollar)	1.0850
China (Yuan)	6.2255
Denmark (Krone)	5.4954
Euro (Pound)	1.7125
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.3561/0.7374
Hungary (Forint)	226.35
Israel (Shekel)	3.4572
Japan (Yen)	101.82
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2825
Norway	5.9904
Philippines (Peso)	43.89
Poland (Zloty)	3.305
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7508
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2503
South Korea (Won)	1,021.21
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8979
Thailand (Baht)	32.35
Turkey (New Lira)	2,1338

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., South Korea and Japan), the bank's check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.09
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.41

WEATHER OUTLOOK



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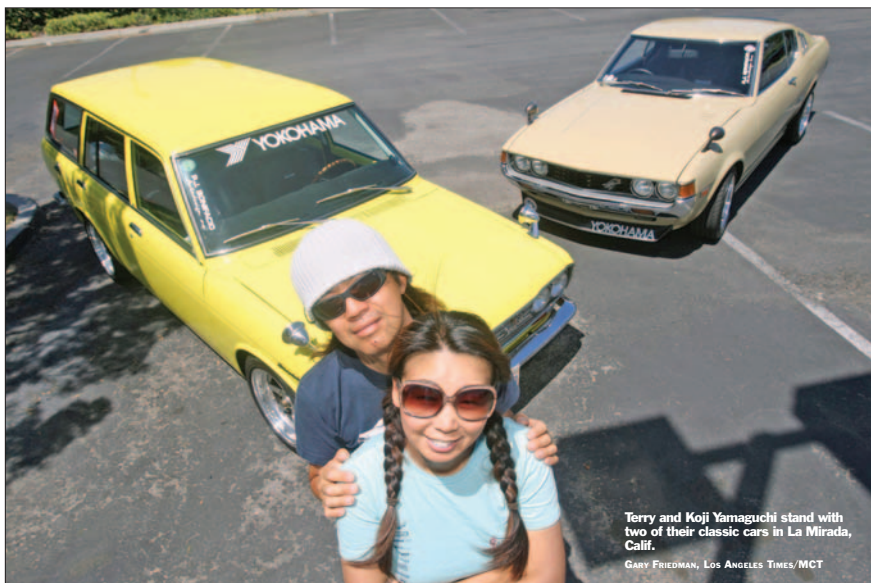
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Akron, Ohio	87	66	Cldy	Cheyenne	80	48	Pcldy	Fresno	88	59	Cldy	Lubbock	92	69	Pcldy
Albany, N.Y.	86	63	Pcldy	Chicago	93	71	Cldy	Goodland	97	63	Cldy	Macon	93	69	Pcldy
Albuquerque	89	65	Pcldy	Cincinnati	92	69	Pcldy	Grand Junction	90	59	Cldy	Madison	93	70	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	89	64	Pcldy	Cleveland	88	69	Cldy	Grand Rapids	85	67	Rain	Medford	75	48	Pcldy
Anchorage	66	47	Rain	Colorado Springs	87	51	Cir	Great Falls	58	44	Rain	Memphis	93	74	Pcldy
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Baton Rouge	91	72	Pcldy	Dayton	90	68	Pcldy	Houston	90	78	Cldy	Monterey	95	69	Pcldy
Bilings	86	51	Rain	Daytona Beach	86	72	Pcldy	Huntsville	92	69	Pcldy	Nashville	91	70	Pcldy
Birmingham	77	58	Pcldy	Denver	86	54	Pcldy	Indianapolis	91	71	Pcldy	New Orleans	89	75	Pcldy
Bismarck	72	50	Pcldy	Des Moines	91	72	Pcldy	Kansas, Miss.	93	70	Pcldy	New York City	89	68	Pcldy
Boise	63	42	Pcldy	Detroit	87	69	Rain	Jacksonville	88	71	Pcldy	Newark	91	69	Pcldy
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Charleston, W.Va.	90	64	Cir	Fargo	81	61	Cldy	Lexington	94	74	Pcldy	Philadelphia	91	73	Cir
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National temperature extremes

Hi: Sun, 110, Death Valley, Calif.	
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SHIFTING GEARS



Terry and Koji Yamaguchi stand with two of their classic cars in La Mirada, Calif.

GARY FRIEDMAN, LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Collectors fuel rising value of Japanese classics

By CHARLES FLEMING
Los Angeles Times

Eight years ago, Terry Yamaguchi paid \$5,000 for a bright-orange 1973 Datsun 240Z. A couple of years later, she sold the car for a little more than she paid for it.

If only she had kept it.

"Now, that car is worth \$20,000," the vintage car collector said.

It's not just the 240Zs. The value of Japanese classic cars has skyrocketed in recent years. A pristine Toyota Celica from the early 1970s can cost up to \$20,000. A well-maintained Datsun 510 might go for as much as \$25,000.

And a Toyota 2000GT? Don't ask.

A pristine 1967 version of the sports car sold at auction for almost \$1.2 million in May 2013—a record for a Japanese classic. A 1968 model sold this month at an auction in Monaco for just over \$1 million.

The shapely coupe was Japan's first supercar, targeting America's Chevrolet Corvette and Britain's Jaguar XKE. Only 350 were made—in part because, at \$7,000, they cost thousands more than the competition. Only 54 of the cars were imported to the United States with left-hand drive, meaning the steering wheel is on the left.

The \$1.2-million sale is hardly top dollar at a classic car auction. But the market for Japanese classics has only recently started to catch fire, as a new generation of car collectors—a growing up surrounded by Japanese imports

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Terry Yamaguchi
car collector

— has come of age and started spending.

"Collecting cars is a relatively modern phenomenon," said Don Rose, who handled the 2000GT Monaco sale for RM Auctions and has a 2000GT in his private collection. "For the early collectors, 'Made in Japan' didn't really resonate."

Younger collectors are attracted to Japanese cars in part because they're cheaper.

But it's not as easy, or as cheap, as it used to be. And that's hard on the collector who's just starting out.

"These vehicles have become very expensive, which is kind of a bummer," said Pasadena, Calif., chiropractor and car collector George Shapiro, who owns a rare early 1960s Nissan Patrol. "It blows the average grease-monkey hot-rodder out of the market."

Yamaguchi and her husband, Koji, have seen the market explode and encouraged it. This September they will host their 10th annual Japanese Classic Car Show in Long Beach. More than 7,000 enthusiasts attended last year's show, which featured 420 cars and a few dozen vintage Japanese motorcycles.

While car collectors attending the massive Barrett-Jackson or Bonhams auctions may go ga-ga over Aston Martins or Alfa Romeos, younger enthusiasts come to Long Beach to drool over preserved or restored Datsun 240Zs or Toyota FJ-40 Land Cruisers.

For them, Rose and others said, cars like the 2000GT or Nissan Skyline are as iconic as a Shelby Mustang or a Porsche Speedster were to an earlier generation. Especially the Skyline.

"That's the Japanese 'hero car,'" said Eric Bizek, co-founder of the Utah car importing firm JDM Legends. "The Skyline was highly regarded for its success in racing and being a car that could be competitive globally."

Also, Bizek said, the collectors who are new to the hobby began their driving careers with Japanese cars.

"For a lot of these younger collectors, a Datsun 210 might have been the first car they owned," he said.

That creates sentimental value for well-preserved or lovingly restored models.

"They feel closer to these cars," Terry Yamaguchi said. "They are not supercars, but people love

them. These are like Mustangs or Camaros to them."

Celebrity car collector Jay Leno has also helped fuel the growing demand.

The former longtime host of "The Tonight Show," who has one of the world's largest private collections of classic cars, featured a 1966 Mazda Cosmo 110S on a November 2012 episode of his "Jay Leno's Garage" online video series. That rare sports car was the world's first to feature a rotary engine, and was made for the Japanese domestic market only—and hence is a right-hand-drive car. Mazda later popularized the engine with its RX-7, a sleek, two-seat hatchback launched for the 1979 model year.

Examples of the Cosmo in good condition go for \$50,000 to \$80,000, Bizek said. The price started going up after the Leno Cosmo story aired.

"Anything Jay has, everybody wants," said Bizek, whose compa-

ny does a brisk business importing and restoring Nissan Skylines and Bluebirds, as well as 1960s and '70s classics made by Toyota, Isuzu and other marques.

The Skylines are particularly hot. An "as-new" condition C10 Skyline two-door coupe could be worth as much as \$145,000, Bizek said—about double what they were worth when his company began importing cars six years ago.

The experts don't see the market topping out anytime soon, even if the collectors are sometimes accused of overpaying for certain classics.

Former car dealer Mike Malmut said a car expert at a well-known auctioneer called him an "idiot" when he paid \$650,000 two years ago, setting a world record, for his Toyota 2000GT.

A year later, a similar car sold for almost twice as much.



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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Sunbather hurt when she's run over by truck

IL SPRINGFIELD — A central Illinois woman was hurt when she was run over by a pickup while she was sunbathing. Amanda Clark, 25, of Loami, was sunbathing near a Lake Springfield boat launch on Saturday when the accident happened. The truck's driver was James Mordacq, 48, of Springfield. He told police he was looking at the lake while negotiating the curve off a sailboat launch when he accidentally ran over the lower part of Clark's body. No citations were issued.

The newspaper reported that Clark was in serious condition at Memorial Medical Center on Saturday.

Police: Man with gun tattoo had real gun

ME MADISON — Police in Maine say a man with a realistic-looking tattoo of a gun on his stomach had the real thing tucked into his waistband when he was arrested.

Police said Michael Smith, of Norridgewock, 41, showed up at a sheriff's deputy's home Thursday night. Police said he was crying and had been drinking.

Authorities said Smith told police he had a fight with his ex-girlfriend and had stolen prescription narcotics from her.

He was charged with stealing drugs, and the gun was confiscated. He was released from jail on \$1,000 bail.

Smith made headlines in March when members of a tree removal crew reported that he had a gun. The gun turned out to be his tattoo.

State: District's 'virtual school day' won't count

NJ MONTVALE — State education officials say a northern New Jersey school district's decision to have student's log on for a "virtual school day" during a winter storm earlier this year was innovative.

But it won't count as an official school day.

The Record reported the state issued its decision last week. That came about four months after more than 96 percent of Pasack Valley Regional High School District students — and all of the district's staffers — logged in from home on Feb. 13.

Education officials said the day couldn't count as one of the required 180 school days because state law requires that districts have their facilities available to meet the requirements of a true school day.

During the "virtual school day," students logged in to their district-issued laptops and worked on class assignments, conducted research and even participated in physical education.

Federal officers help deliver baby at border

AZ LUKEVILLE — Federal authorities at the southern Arizona border helped

THE CENSUS

\$2M

The approximate value of marijuana that federal officials say was tossed into the ocean from two suspected smuggling boats and was recovered about 160 miles off the coast of San Diego. A U.S. Customs and Border Protection official said more than 130 bales of pot, weighing about 3,300 pounds, were pulled from the water Thursday. A CBP air crew spotted the boat and saw two passengers tossing bales overboard before fleeing toward Mexico.



DEVON RAVINE, NORTHWEST (FORT WALTON BEACH) FLORIDA DAILY NEWS/AP

That's no prince

Josie Lang gives a kiss Thursday to Queen Kong, a South American cane toad held by Nonie Maines, of Nonie's Ark Animal Adventures in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. The wildlife program was part of a children's festival.

deliver a baby.

A 27-year-old woman went into labor Wednesday while trying to enter the country through the Port of Lukeville. A short time later, she gave birth to a healthy baby boy.

Ajo Ambulance was notified, but the Tohono O'odham tribal member went into labor and required the assistance of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers medically trained as EMTs.

The officers assessed the woman and determined she would probably deliver prior to the ambulance's arrival.

Once the woman gave birth, she and her newborn son were taken to a hospital in Phoenix.

The woman's name hasn't been released.

'Daddy' yells near school yield a surprising find

CT FAIRFIELD — Police say a Connecticut woman became concerned when she heard someone calling "Daddy" repeatedly near a school. When she began looking for a child, she instead found a large, green parrot in a tree. Fairfield police Lt. James Perez

said the fire department used a long pole to remove the bird from the tree at Holland Hill School on Thursday.

The parrot then flew onto a bamboo stand. Firefighters chased it out and an animal control officer caught it in a net and took it to a shelter.

Perez said the bird was talking nonstop, saying, "Daddy," "hello," "what" and other words.

The bird was found about 1 mile from its home. It was later reunited with its owner, who had reported it missing.

Woman with lobsters in pants accused of theft

FL DELAND — A central Florida woman faces petit theft charges after officials say she stuffed seven frozen lobster tails in her pants and walked out of a Publix supermarket without paying for them.

A loss prevention officer at the DeLand Publix told police he watched Nichole Ann Reed, 30, put the lobster tails into her pants on Wednesday evening. He said she walked around the store before leaving. Police found her about an hour

later. Reed told them she went to the store with the intention of stealing the lobster tails, which were valued at \$83.99. According to a police report, she said she planned to trade the lobster with a friend to get either a Chinese buffet or the prescription pain medication Dilaudid.

She posted \$250 bail. It wasn't clear whether she'd obtained a lawyer.

Plane crashes after pilot parachutes out

IL VALMEYER — A pilot parachuted to safety from a damaged airplane before it crashed in a southern Illinois cornfield.

Shawn Kilmartin, 21, was behind the controls of the plane on Saturday when it began pitching upward after a skydiver's parachute got caught in the plane's tail.

Kilmartin told the newspaper that he radioed his boss at Fly Free Skydiving in Festus, Mo., to tell him he was struggling to level the plane so it wouldn't stall.

When he realized he would not be able to get the Cessna back to the Festus airport, Kilmartin put

on a parachute and headed for a remote location. He jumped when the plane was about 1,500 feet above the ground.

Nobody was injured. The plane was significantly damaged.

Hand-held phone use in car could cost \$100

NH CONCORD — Officials are considering traffic signs, radio announcements and brochures as ways to educate drivers that holding a cellphone up to the ear to talk while driving or sitting in traffic will be illegal a year from now in New Hampshire.

Gov. Maggie Hassan is expected to sign a bill that makes hand-held cellphone use while driving punishable by a \$100 fine for the first offense. The price rises to \$250 for a second offense and \$500 for subsequent offenses within a 24-month period.

The bill allows adults to talk on cellphones while driving if they use hands-free phones, devices built into vehicles or two-way radios.

From wire reports

FACES



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Jonah Hill, left, and Channing Tatum find bromantic chemistry in the box-office hit "22 Jump Street."

Winning address

'Jump Street' beats 'Dragon' in battle of sequels

The Associated Press

A pair of kooky cops beat out flying dragons for the top spot at the North American box office, but the dragons soared internationally.

The R-rated comedy "22 Jump Street" debuted in first place domestically with \$60 million, followed by "How to Train Your Dragon 2," which opened with \$50 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday. Internationally, though, "Dragon" dwarfed "Jump Street" with \$24.8 million to \$6.9 million, respectively.

Still, it's an impressive showing for two sequels. The original versions of "Dragon" and "Jump Street" were springtime releases, and their strong performances then led studios to offer sequels during the hot moviegoing months of summer.

It's rare for two films to open with such big numbers on the same weekend, too, he said. Paul Der-

garabedian, senior analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak, says it has happened three times before: last year when "Monsters University" opened against "World War Z"; in 2012 when "Madagascar 3" opened against "Prometheus"; and in 2008 when "WALL-E" opened against "Wanted."

"Jump Street" stars Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill as bumbling undercover officers who pose as college students to bust a campus drug dealer. Hill also lends a voice to the animated "Dragon," in which young Viking Hiccup and his winged dragon Toothless discover hundreds of wild dragons and a mysterious dragon master.

Disney's "Maleficent" claimed third place in its third week of release. Tom Cruise's action romp "Edge of Tomorrow" took the fourth spot, followed by last week's top film, the teen tear-jerker "The Fault in Our Stars."

Top 40 countdown king Kasem dies

From wire services

Casey Kasem, the internationally famous radio host with the cheerful manner and gentle voice who became the king of the top 40 countdown with a syndicated show that ran for decades, died June 15. He was 82.

A statement issued by the Kasem family said Kasem died Sunday, on Father's Day, surrounded by family and friends at a Washington state hospital.

"American Top 40," with Kasem's soft, honey voice counting down the hits, was a refuge from shock jocks or the screaming big-city radio voices. It was dependable, broadcast on some 1,000 stations at its peak. When it began on July 4, 1970, in Los Angeles, the No. 1 song on his list was Three Dog Night's cover of Randy Newman's "Mama Told Me Not to Come."

In his signoff, Kasem would tell viewers: "And don't forget: keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars."

As the years went on, Kasem progressed through disco and punk, arena rock and rap. All were welcome.

That made him the rare personality who could count the stars among his fans. Reaction to his death Sunday was widespread, from tweeted memories to a dedication from the stage by Elton John at the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival.

Media personality Ryan Seacrest, who took over the countdown from Kasem in 2004,

said in a statement that Kasem's death is a loss for radio listeners worldwide. Seacrest said that as a child he'd listen to Kasem's show every weekend "and dream about someday becoming a radio DJ."

"When decades later I took over his AT40 countdown show, it was a surreal moment," Seacrest said. "Casey had a distinctive friendly on-air voice, and he was just as affable and nice if you had the privilege to be in his company. He'll be greatly missed by all of us."

The son of Lebanese Druze immigrants, Kasem was active in speaking out for greater understanding of Arab-Americans — both on political issues involving the Mideast and on arts and media issues.

Kasem was born Kemal Amin Kasem in 1932 in Detroit. He began his broadcasting career in the radio club at Detroit's Northwestern High School and was soon a disc jockey on WJBK radio in Detroit.

While attending Detroit's Wayne State University, Mr. Kasem acted on the radio in shows such as "The Lone Ranger" until he was called to Army service during the Korean War. While stationed in South Korea, he spun bebop jazz records for the Armed Forces Radio network under the moniker "Crazy Casey."

In recent years, Kasem was trapped in a feud between his three adult children and his second wife, former actress Jean Kasem.

Kasem's legacy reached well beyond music. His voice was heard in TV cartoons such as "Scooby-Do!" (he was Shaggy) and in numerous commercials.



Kasem

Queen honors Jolie for humanitarian work

The Associated Press

Angelina Jolie can add royal recognition to Hollywood stardom. The Oscar-winning actress has been named an honorary dame — the female version of a knight — by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.

Jolie, a United Nations special envoy, received the honor June 13 for her work combating sexual violence in war zones.

Jolie, who won a supporting actress Academy Award in 2000 for "Girl, Interrupted," has spoken of scaling back her movie roles to focus on humanitarian work. She said that "to receive an honor related to foreign policy means a great deal to me, as it is what I wish to dedicate my working life to."

Because she is not a British or Commonwealth citizen, Jolie won't be entitled to use the title "dame" before her name. Previous U.S. recipients of honorary knighthoods include director Steven Spielberg, Microsoft founder Bill Gates and former President Ronald Reagan.



Jolie

Jolie, who was in London last week to co-host an international summit on sexual violence, was among hundreds of people recognized in the queen's annual Birthday Honors List for services to their community or national life.

A lost Cole Porter musical to be staged in NYC

Later this month, a few lucky people will get to hear what no one in America has — a collection of lost Cole Porter songs.

The one-night-only June 27 premiere of "The Ambassador Revue" at The Town Hall near Times Square will mark the first time the 1929 show has ever been staged outside Paris.

"Just when you think you've heard all of Cole Porter's songs, here's 40 new ones for people to really have fun with," says Grammy Award-winning band leader Vince Giordano, who arranged the show and will sing with his band the Night Hawks. "It's really thrilling."

The lost show — a revue with individual singers, tap dancers and showgirls akin to the current Broadway hit "After Midnight" — was written at the beginning of Porter's career and has hints of

his combination of witty lyrics and singable melodies.

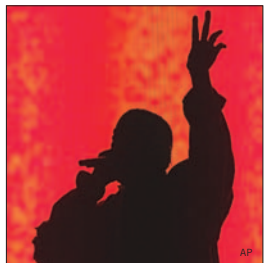
Other news

■ Kathy Griffin is taking her comedy online as host of the Daytime Emmy awards as the event heads to a new home on the Internet on June 22. The awards were televised on the HLN cable network the past two years. But when the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and various cable outlets couldn't strike a deal, the academy decided to move the show online.

■ Grammy-winning singer Kelly Clarkson has a daughter. Clarkson, 32, announced the arrival of River Rose Blackstock in a Saturday post on Twitter: She says the baby arrived on June 12, and she and her husband, music manager Brandon Blackstock, are "on cloud 9."

■ Jimmy Scott, a jazzman with an ethereal man-child voice who found success late in life with the Grammy-nominated album "All the Way," died June 12 in Las Vegas. He was 88.

■ The Band Perry's lead singer Kimberly Perry married professional baseball player J.P. Arencibia on June 12 near her family's home in Greenville, Tenn.

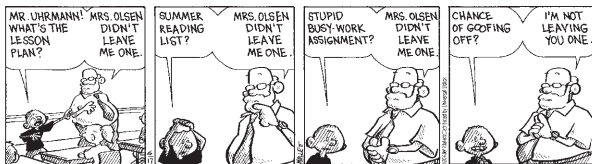


'I ain't going after nobody on the radio. I'm going after Shakespeare. I'm going after Walt Disney. I'm going after Howard Hughes. I'm going after Genghis Khan. I'm going after Henry Ford.'

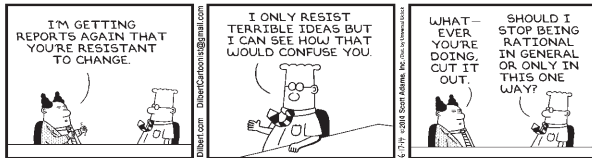
Kanye West

Reiterating his goal to be a timeless cultural icon during a June 13 show at the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival in Manchester, Tenn., during which he appeared mostly in distorted silhouette

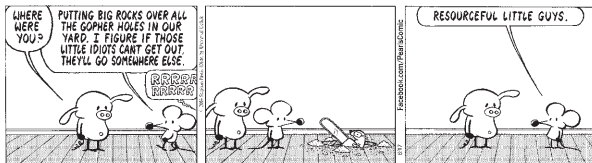
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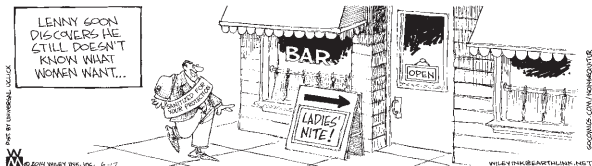
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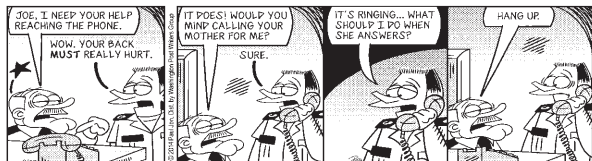
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- 20 Back street
- 21 Wager
- 22 "Little Women" woman
- 23 Rose protector
- 26 Chest components
- 30 "—Only Just Begun"
- 31 Crooner Dame
- 32 Margarine
- 33 Clementine's cousins
- 35 Knuckle or knee
- 36 Monkey suit
- 37 Delty
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- 53 Bygone automaker

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- 15 Curved path
- 16 Pair
- 24 That girl
- 25 Eggs
- 26 Insult
- 27 Yalle
- 28 Stimp's pal
- 29 Drunkard
- 31 Irritate
- 34 Pistol
- 35 "Grapes of Wrath" surname
- 37 Majestic
- 38 Huff and puff
- 39 Got up
- 40 Lecherous look
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Deals

Sunday's transactions

BASEBALL

DETROIT TIGERS — Options RHP Corey Knebel to Toledo (IL). Recalled RHP Jose Hardy from Toledo.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed RHP Josh Fields on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Paul Clemens from Oklahoma City (PCL). Placed RHP Josh Fields on the 15-day DL.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed 3B Trevor Plouffe on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Pedro Florimon from Rochester (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned RHP Wade LeBlanc outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Traded OF Michael Taylor to the Chicago White Sox for RHP Dan Plesha.

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with Shane Bieber on a minor league contract.

MIAMI MARLINS — Sent LHP Brad Brad to New Orleans (PCL) for rehab assignment. Placed RHP Nathan Eovaldi on paternity leave. Recalled RHP Sam Dineen from Miami.

NEW YORK METS — Acquired LHP Blake Taylor from Pittsburgh to complete an earlier trade, and assigned him to the GCL Mets.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Options RHP Michael Martinez to Indianapolis (IL). Acquired RHP Ryan Lugo from the New York Yankees for cash.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Options OF Rauli Chalk to Memphis (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Nick Green from the Cardinals.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed RHP Nick Vincent on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Thursday. Selected the contract of RHP Blaine Boyer from El Paso (PCL).

MIAMI — Announced OBP Jake Jopeks is heading from Kansas.

College baseball

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Saturday, June 14

UC Irvine 3, Texas 5

Vanderbilt 5, Louisville 3

Virginia 2, Mississippi 1

Sunday, June 15

Monday, June 16

Game 1 — Texas (43-20) vs. Louisville (50-15)

Game 2 — UC Irvine (41-23) vs. Vanderbilt (47-19)

Tuesday, June 17

Game 3 — Texas Tech (45-20) vs. Mississippi (46-20)

Game 4 — Texas (48-16) vs. Virginia (50-14)

Wednesday, June 18

Game 5 — Louisville 5 vs. Game 6 loser

Thursday, June 19

Game 6 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser

Friday, June 20

Game 11 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner

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SPORTS BRIEFS/COLLEGE BASEBALL

Hall of Famer Gwynn, 54, dies of cancer

BY BERNIE WILSON
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn has died of cancer at 54.

Gwynn's sweet left-handed swing made him one of San Diego's best-loved athletes. He was nicknamed "Mr. Padre" during his 20-year major league career.

"For more than 30 years, Tony Gwynn was a source of universal goodwill in the national pastime, and he will be deeply missed by the many people he touched," Commissioner Bud Selig said.

Gwynn had been on a medical leave from his job as baseball coach at San Diego State, his alma mater, since late March. Agent John Boggs said Gwynn died Monday at a hospital in suburban Poway.

Gwynn had two operations for cancer in his right cheek between August 2010 and February 2012. The second surgery was complicated, with surgeons removing a facial nerve because it was intertwined with a tumor inside his right cheek. They grafted a nerve from Gwynn's neck to help him eventually regain facial movement.

Gwynn had said that he believed the cancer was from chewing tobacco.

In a rarity in pro sports, Gwynn spent his entire 20-year career with the Padres, choosing to stay rather than leaving for bigger paychecks elsewhere.

His terrific hand-eye coordination made him one of the game's greatest contact hitters. He had 3,141 hits, a career .338 batting average and won eight NL batting titles. He excelled at hitting singles the other way, through the "5.5 hole" between third base and shortstop.



LENNY IONELZI/AP

San Diego Padres' Tony Gwynn fights back tears as he acknowledges the standing ovation prior to the Padres' Oct. 7, 2001 game against the Colorado Rockies, the final game of his 20-year major-league career, in San Diego. The Baseball Hall of Famer died of cancer on Monday. He was 54.

Gwynn played in the Padres' only two World Series and was a 15-time All-Star. He homered off the facade at Yankee Stadium off San Diego native David Wells in Game 1 of the 1998 World Series and

scored the winning run in the 1994 All-Star Game.

He was hitting .394 when a players strike ended the 1994 season, denying him a shot at becoming the first player to hit

400 since San Diego native Ted Williams hit 406 in 1941.

Gwynn befriended Williams and the two loved to talk about hitting. Gwynn steadied Williams when he threw out the ceremonial first pitch before the 1999 All-Star Game at Boston's Fenway Park.

Gwynn retired after the 2001 season. He and Cal Ripken Jr. — who spent his entire career with the Baltimore Orioles — were inducted into the Hall of Fame in the class of 2007.

Gwynn was a two-sport star at San Diego State in the late 1970s-early 1980s, playing point guard for the basketball team — he still holds the game, season and career record for assists — and outfielder for the baseball team.

Gwynn always wanted to play in the NBA, until realizing during his final year at San Diego State that baseball would be the ticket to the pros.

"I had no idea that all the things in my career were going to happen," he said shortly before being inducted into the Hall of Fame along with Cal Ripken Jr. in 2007. "I sure didn't see it. I just know the Lord blessed me with ability, blessed me with good eyesight and a good pair of hands, and then I worked at the rest."

He was a third-round draft pick of the Padres in 1981.

After spending parts of just two seasons in the minor leagues, he made his big league debut on July 19, 1982. Gwynn had two hits that night, including a double, against the Philadelphia Phillies. After mashing, Pete Rose, who had been trailing the play, said to Gwynn, "Hey, kid, what are you trying to do, catch me in one night?"

Briefly

Schumacher leaves hospital, out of coma

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Nearly six months after sustaining serious head injuries in a skiing accident, seven-time Formula One champion Michael Schumacher left a French hospital on Monday and was transferred to neighboring Switzerland to continue his recovery.

Schumacher "is not in a coma anymore," his manager, Sabine Kehm, said in a brief statement announcing that the German driver had left the Grenoble University Hospital, where he had been treated since his accident Dec. 29.

Kehm gave no further details on his condition or medical outlook, saying only that he would "continue his long phase of rehabilitation."

Schumacher left the Grenoble hospital Monday morning, said hospital spokeswoman Brigitte Polikar, who declined to give any details on his condition.

Schumacher's accident happened on a family vacation as Schumacher was skiing with his 14-year-old son at the Meribel ski resort in the French Alps. He hit the right side of his head on a rock, cracking his helmet. Doctors operated to remove blood clots from his brain, but some were left because they were too deeply embedded.

Schumacher's condition stabilized after he was placed in a drug-induced

coma. In late January, doctors began the process of withdrawing sedatives to try to wake him up.

Hernandez issues challenge of evidence in murder case

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Lawyers for former New England Patriots' tight end Aaron Hernandez asked a Massachusetts judge to throw out some evidence in one of three slayings with which he's been charged. His attorneys are challenging evidence gathered in last June's killing of semi-pro football player Odin Lloyd. They asked a Fall River judge to exclude surveillance video from Hernandez's North Attleborough home. They also want evidence seized from cellphones and other electronic devices kept out of the case.

Ex-Georgia safety Matthews to transfer to Auburn

ATHENS, Ga. — Former Georgia safety Tray Matthews says he is transferring to Auburn. Matthews made the announcement on his Twitter account Saturday. Matthews was dismissed from the Georgia team by coach Mark Richt on June 3. Matthews was the most prominent of four Georgia players ar-



LEFTEIS PITRANIS/AP

Formula One driver Michael Schumacher seen here in a July 7, 2012 photo, is no longer in a coma and has left a French hospital where he had been receiving treatment since a skiing accident in December.

rested in March and charged with theft by deception for receiving double payments on checks issued by the athletic association.

Former Titans' RB Thomas, 41, found dead at home

PORT WORTH, Texas — Rodney Thomas, who played running back for the Houston Oilers, Tennessee Titans and Atlanta Falcons during a seven-year NFL career, died Saturday in Groveton, a small East Texas town where he grew up. Thomas died in the house that he bought for his mother after signing his first pro contract. Groveton Funeral Home owner Terry Cartwright said Sunday. The cause of death wasn't known and an autopsy was underway, he said.

College World Series

UVA tops Ole Miss

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — With one swing of the bat, Mike Papi delivered a victory for Virginia in its College World Series opener and kept a sensational pitching performance from potentially going to waste.

Papi's RBI double with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning gave Virginia a 2-1 win Sunday as Nathan Kirby and Artie Lewicki combined for the first one-hitter in the CWS in 31 years.

"I'm playing for the guys next to me. I'm doing everything I can to get the job done," Papi said. "When we have two guys like Nathan and Artie do a fantastic job and only give up one hit, our offense needs to put it together and give them more run support."

Virginia (50-14) will face TCU in the winner's bracket on Sunday. Ole Miss (46-20) meets Texas Tech in an elimination game in the afternoon.

Virginia was just 1-for-13 with runners in scoring position when Papi went to the plate in the ninth. The Rebels elected to pitch to the Cavaliers' top hitter and RBI leader even though first base was unoccupied. Aaron Greenwood (3-2) ran the count full before Papi drilled the ball into the gap, allowing Nate Irving to score from second.

Lewicki (2-0) got the win after Kirby gave up one hit and a run over seven innings. Ole Miss used two walks and a groundout to tie it in the eighth.

TCU 3, Texas Tech 2: Boomer White drove in the go-ahead run in a dramatic eighth inning as Texas Christian beat Big 12 rival Texas Tech.

The Horned Frogs (48-16) fell behind in the top of the eighth after starting pitcher Preston Morrison lost the game, but they came back in the bottom half against Tech closer Johnny Drozd (7-1).

TCU closer Riley Ferrell (3-1) struck out 10 in 7½ innings. Drozd (7-1) took the loss.

NBA FINALS

Leonard named MVP

San Antonio forward youngest award winner since teammate Duncan in '99

By TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Kawhi Leonard could have been devastated by losing last season's NBA Finals.

Instead, he vowed to get better.

The San Antonio Spurs' youngest star is a champion now after the Spurs beat the Miami Heat 104-87 on Sunday in Game 5 of the NBA Finals, finishing off a 4-1 triumph. And after watching the Heat celebrate last season, Leonard was the pick as Most Valuable Player of the series, accepting his award from 11-time champion Bill Russell.

When NBA Commissioner Adam Silver announced Leonard as the MVP, he was mobbed by his teammates and Spurs coach Gregg Popovich roared with laughter, knowing Leonard would have to do what he hates most — talk about himself.

"Right now, it's just surreal to me," Leonard said. "I have a great group of guys behind me."

Leonard had 22 points and 10 rebounds, his third straight big game in the series. He fouled out in the fourth quarter, which was barely noticed after the job he did helping keep LeBron James in some sort

of check over the final three quarters.

When it was over — actually, a few seconds before it was over — James led a group of Heat players down to the Spurs' bench for the first round of congratulatory hugs.

The first one he gave, and rightly so, was to Leonard. It was James taking the trophy from Russell in each of the last two seasons, after Miami's titles.

This time, the night belonged to Leonard, a 22-year-old who the Spurs have long thought was the heir apparent to the Big 3 of Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker.

"The first two games, he didn't play so well," James said about Leonard. "I thought he attacked more in the last three games, shot the ball extremely well."

Added Heat guard Dwyane Wade: "It's like he just played free... He's the future of this team."

The Big 3 in San Antonio is still championship-good, but their key player now might be Leonard, who just took over this series.

"He walks the walk. I mean, he's there early, he's there late. He wants more," Popovich said. "He wants me and the coaches to push him. So I just talked to him about not being in that defer sort of stage. The hell with Tony, the hell with Timmy, the hell with Manu, you play the game. You are the man."

In this series, he absolutely was. Leonard averaged 17.8 points on 61 percent shooting. And he became the youngest Finals MVP since Duncan won it for the Spurs in 1999.



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Most Valuable Player Kawhi Leonard holds up his trophy after the Spurs 104-87 Game 5 NBA finals victory over the Miami Heat.

LeBron's hot start for naught as Heat reign ends

By TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — LeBron James went to the bench midway through the fourth quarter, took a seat and covered his eyes with his left hand.

His night was over.

His reign atop the NBA, also over.

The only thing James plays for is championships and this season, he didn't get a chance to grasp the Larry O'Brien Trophy.

A 31-point, 10-rebound effort wasn't enough to get Miami past San Antonio, and the Heat fell to the Spurs 104-87 on Sunday night.

"It's a big disappointment," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Feeling like this is an incredibly empty feeling."

So for the first time since June 21, 2012, the Heat are not NBA champions. This four-year run with James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh together has seen huge success — a league-best 283 wins, four straight trips to the NBA Finals to join only the Celtics and Lakers as franchises to pull off that feat, plus two NBA championships.

They've won 71 percent of their games in these four seasons.

Here's something that might sound surprising: The Spurs have



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Miami's LeBron James, left, and Dwyane Wade answer questions at a news conference after Game 5 of the NBA Finals on Sunday in San Antonio. James had 31 points and 10 rebounds, but it wasn't enough to fend off the Spurs, who routed the Heat 104-87 to win the NBA championship.

been better over that stretch, winning 73 percent of the time.

And now, ready or not, here comes the summer of possible Miami discontent.

James, Wade and Bosh can all opt out of their contracts and become free agents. They'll likely all tell the Heat their plans by June 29, or two days before the free-agency window opens. Shane

Battier is retiring, his career ending at 13 seasons on Sunday night. Just about everyone else, including Mario Chalmers — who came off the bench for the first time in three years Sunday — is a free agent.

Just about every spot on the roster could be up for grabs. Backup point guard Norris Cole is under contract for next sea-

son and little-used center Justin Hamilton has a partially guaranteed deal, though he expects to be in Miami.

There are huge questions. Wade missed about one-third of the regular season for maintenance and injuries, and clearly labored as the NBA Finals wound down. James had a monster finals, and the Heat still lost in five

games — so now the biggest issue facing Miami will be how to get him the help he needs to vie for more titles.

James had 17 points and six rebounds in the first quarter, plus a spectacular chase-down block on one end and a 30-footer to beat the shot clock at the other. Miami led 22-6 in the early going, holding the Spurs to their longest scoreless start of the season. Everything was looking like the Heat got to script the way the opening minutes would go.

And then, thud.

Like so many other times in these finals, the Spurs went on a run and just kept running. By midway through the second quarter, San Antonio had the lead. Early in the third, it reached double digits. Midway through the third, it was up to 21 — which, at that point, marked a staggering 37-point turnaround from the opening moments.

In the end, the Heat became the 32nd team unable to overcome a 3-1 deficit in the finals, even though there was no storyline that James would have savored more than being the team to buck that trend.

"Why not us?" James asked Saturday.

The Spurs were that good. That's why not.

NBA FINALS

Spurs dominate Heat, capture title

San Antonio erases memory of last year's disappointment with blowout Game 5 win

By BRIAN MAHONEY
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan and Tony Parker won titles in their second seasons. Manu Ginobili was a champion as an NBA rookie.

Success came so quickly and frequently for the Spurs' Big Three, but San Antonio couldn't keep it up after winning its last title in 2007. And just when they were on the verge of being back on top again last year, the Miami Heat practically snatched the championship rings right off their fingers.

So when they finally celebrated again on Sunday, players wrapping themselves in flags from around the world in a reminder that the Spurs look far beyond the border to build champions, Parker had no trouble deciding where to rank this title.

"That's why I say it's the sweetest one," Parker said, "because it's just unbelievable to win seven years ago, and to be so close last year, it was very cruel. But that's the beauty of sport. Sometimes it's tough. And sometimes it can be beautiful like today."

The Spurs finished off a dominant run to their fifth NBA championship, ending the Heat's two-year title reign with a 104-87 victory that wrapped up the series in five games.

Painfully denied 12 months ago by the Heat, this victory party was worth the wait.

"We got to this spot and we didn't let it go," Ginobili said.

San Antonio erased an early 16-point def-



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Spurs guard Tony Parker drives to the basket past Heat forward LeBron James during Game 5 of the NBA Finals on Sunday.

icit and routed Miami for the fourth time in the series. A year after the Spurs suffered their only loss in six finals appearances — a heartbreaking seven-game defeat — they turned the rematch into no match at all.

"We had a great first quarter, but from

that point on they were the better team, and that's why they're the champions in 2014," said LeBron James, who led the Heat with 31 points and 10 rebounds.

Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs, who

added this title to the ones they won in 1999, 2003, '05 and '07 by shooting a Finals-record 52.8 percent in the series.

"They played exquisite basketball this series and in particular these last three games," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Scoreboard



NBA Finals

Best-of-seven

San Antonio 4, Miami 1
San Antonio 110, Miami 95
San Antonio 96, Miami 90
San Antonio 111, Miami 82
San Antonio 107, Miami 86
Sunday: San Antonio 104, Miami 84

Sunday

Spurs 104, Heat 87

SAN ANTONIO — Leonard 7-10 5-6 22, Duncan 5-10 4-6 14, Diaw 2-7 0-0 5, Parker 7-8 2-2 16, Green 0-5 0-0 0, Ginobili 1-1 4-5 19, Splitter 1-1 1-2 3, Mills 6-10 0-0 17, Bonner 0-0 0-0 0, Belinelli 2-3 0-0 4, Ayres 1-0 0-2, Joseph 0-0 0-0 0, Baynes 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 37-78 18-23 104.
MIAMI — James 10-21 8-9 31, Lewis 1-2 0-3, Bosh 6-14 1-2 13, Wade 4-12 2-4 11, Allen 1-2 2-2 5, Battier 0-0 0-0 0, Andersen 0-1 0-0 0, Cole 0-2 2-2 2, Haslem 1-2 0-0 2, Beasley 4-7 1-3 9, Chalmers 2-3 4-5 8, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Douglas 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 30-75 20-27 87.

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Three-Point Goals—Miami 7-25 (L. James 3-9, Lewis 1-2, Wade 1-2, Douglass 1-2, Allen 1-3, Cole 0-1, Jones 0-1, Bosh 0-5), San Antonio 12-26 (Mills 5-11, Leonard 3-4, Ginobili 3-6, Diaw 1-3, Parker 0-1, Joseph 0-1, Green 0-1). Fouled Out—Leonard, Rebounds—Miami 33 (Parker 10), San Antonio 45 (Leonard 10). Assists—Miami 14 (L. James 5), San Antonio 25 (Diaw 6). Total Fouls—Miami 23, San Antonio 21. A—18,581 (18,797).

Duncan not one to focus on legacy

By TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Annual traditions are everywhere in San Antonio.

There's the way the famed Riverwalk is transformed into a sea of lights at holiday time. Fiesta Noche del Rio, a summer-long outdoor performance of song and dance that dates back more than half a century. A huge rodeo, taking over the city for about three weeks every winter.

And of late, there's been the Tim Duncan Watch.

Unlike the others, this is one San Antonians dread. But if he goes out now, he'll be going out as a champion — for the fifth time.

San Antonio's 104-87 win over the Miami Heat in Game 5 of the NBA Finals on Sunday night gave Duncan his fifth title, all with the Spurs. And throughout this series, speculation has been rampant that if the Spurs ended Miami's reign Duncan might finally feel like the time is right to end what may surely be a Hall of Fame career.



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Spurs forward Tim Duncan speaks during a news conference after Game 5 of the NBA Finals against the Miami Heat on Sunday in San Antonio.

"Amazing," Duncan said. "It makes last year OK."

He showed more emotion Sunday night.

"Just the close of a career. I know it's coming to an end," Duncan said. "Don't know if I'll ever have a chance to do this again. My

"Amazing. It makes last year OK."

Tim Duncan

San Antonio Spurs forward
Five-time NBA Champion

kids and all we've been through, just a real emotional time."

His first title was in 1999. Only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has a longer span between championships.

"Unbelievable feeling to be back here after that long and being with guys like this, a team like this," Duncan said. "Everything's changed. We've adapted. To come out here and be able to win another championship in front of this crowd, it's unbelievable."

Duncan has never played for money anywhere else. Sunday was his 148th NBA game, every one as a member of the Spurs. The only other players in NBA history to play that many games and never change teams: Utah's John Stockton and Indiana's Reggie Miller.

"He feels a responsibility to his teammates," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He enjoys them.

He wants to hang around as long as he can while he's useful and while he's having an impact on the game. He takes care of his body. He works out all summer long with a variety of different things, boxing, swimming. He's very careful about what he puts in his body, so he does everything he can to maintain a level of play.

"At some point," Popovich added, "that will stop."

Duncan is the 21st player in NBA history to win five rings with one team. Everyone else on that list played for the Lakers, Celtics or Bulls. That speaks to longevity and sustained greatness, which all factors in to the enormous legacy he'll leave behind at some point.

Again, though, that's not Duncan's thinking. Not now. Not yet.

WORLD CUP

Messi scores game-winner against Bosnia

By KARL RITTER
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — It took Lionel Messi just over an hour in Argentina's World Cup opener against Bosnia-Herzegovina to show why so many fans consider him the best in the world.

After a frustrating first half, the Argentine captain scored in trademark style in the 65th minute on Sunday night, completing a quick 1-2 connection with Gonzalo Higuaín and running through defenders before striking a brilliant left-footed shot off the post.

The goal — only the second for Messi on football's biggest stage — set off wild celebrations among the throngs of Argentine fans that had turned the famed Maracana stadium into a sea of blue and white. It also energized an unimpressive Argentina team that was ahead at that point only because of an early own goal by Bosnia.

Vedad Ibišević scored a close-in goal in the 85th, but Argentina held on to win 2-1 in the Group F match.

"It's the first game, I was anxious, nervous," Messi said. "It was important to start with a win. We've got to improve certain things, but it was important to start with the three points."

Bosnia got the worst possible start to its first World Cup when Sead Kolašinić



VICTOR R. CARIVANO/AP

Argentina's Lionel Messi celebrates scoring his side's second goal during Sunday's match against Bosnia in Rio de Janeiro. Argentina won 2-1.

nović scored an own goal after just three minutes.

Messi sent a free kick from the left flank into the penalty area that Marcos Rojo barely touched before the ball bounced off Kolašinić's foot into Bosnia's goal.

Bosnia bounced back after the early setback, with Izet Hajrović slipping through Argentina's five-man defense but failing to beat goalkeeper Sergio Romero. Five minutes before the break, Senad Lulić tested Romero's reflexes with a well-timed header on a corner kick.

Meanwhile, there was no sign of Argentina's vaunted attack, as Bosnia gave Messi no space to work his magic and Sergio Agüero hardly touched the ball.

Coach Alejandro Sabella put in Higuaín at halftime, which allowed Messi to take a step back. That shift proved crucial, getting the Barcelona star more involved in the action.

"The changes gave Messi more support," Sabella said. "He doesn't need much, because he's the best in the world. But there is always a context that can enhance him a little bit more."

After a string of dangerous runs, Messi combined with Higuaín, pulled left along the penalty area, and scored after leaping over defender Ermin Bicaković without losing speed and balance.

Messi, who has been accused by critics of not playing with as much heart for the national team as he does for Barcelona, pulled on his blue-and-white striped jersey and ran to the sideline before pumping his fist toward the fans.

"I wanted to release all the energy from other times when things didn't go right (with the national team)," he said. "It's always a pleasure to score with the national team."

Higuaín said Bosnia was a strong opponent that didn't allow Argentina to control the game.

"We scored the second goal at an important moment of the match and that calmed us down a bit," the Napoli striker said.

Second-half substitute Ibišević put some nerve back in the match when he picked up a pass from Senad Lulić and slotted the ball between Romero's legs.

Bosnia started with Edin Džeko as a lone striker and coach Safet Susic only added Ibišević after Argentina's second goal.

"I told him that playing against Argentina I cannot play two attackers," Susic said. "And besides in the midfield we have very offensive-minded players. Playing two strikers (from the start) would have been very risky."

Argentina plays Iran on Saturday, while Bosnia will play Nigeria.

The match was the first World Cup game at the Maracana since Brazil lost to Uruguay in the final round of the 1950 tournament, which remains a deep wound in Brazilian football history. The July 13 World Cup final will also be held at the Maracana.



MICHAEL SOHN/AP

Switzerland's Haris Seferovic, right, celebrates after scoring with seconds left in stoppage time against Ecuador to give his team a 2-1 victory in their opening match Sunday.

Last-minute goal lifts Swiss

The Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil — Switzerland grabbed a winner with virtually the final kick to earn a 2-1 victory over Ecuador in the World Cup on Sunday, extending a run of come-from-behind wins that are becoming a theme of the tournament.

With just seconds left in the third and final minute of stoppage time, substitute Haris Seferovic finished off a length-of-the-field move by slamming home a close-range shot. After wild Swiss celebrations, Ecuador's shell-shocked players barely had time to restart before the final whistle was blown.

It was the fifth time in the first

nine matches in Brazil that a team had come from a goal down to win — but this was the most dramatic of all the comebacks.

"It was a dream to be able to win this match in the very last minute like this," Switzerland coach Ottmar Hitzfeld said through a translator. "It was emotional — it will be important for the morale of the team."

Sluggish in the first half-hour, Switzerland — highly fancied after rising to No. 6 in the FIFA rankings — conceded a sloppy goal to go behind when Enner Valencia rose unmarked in the 22nd minute and headed in a free kick from six yards.

Ecuador's defending for the 48th-minute equalizer was just

as abject, however, with Admir Mehmedi finding space from even closer in to nod in a corner.

With Mehmedi and Seferovic both second-half substitutes, it was no wonder that the wily Hitzfeld — a veteran coach with two Champions League titles on his resume — had a huge grin on his face at the final whistle.

Not so his counterpart.

"We were naive and that cost us the game," Ecuador coach Reinaldo Rieda said. "The loss is more our fault. We were not beaten by our opponent."

After being among the bores of the last two World Cups, it was expected to be all change for Switzerland with Hitzfeld putting his faith in a young, dynamic class.

Les Bleus off to solid start, blank Honduras

By CHRIS BRUMMITT
The Associated Press

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil — Karim Benzema scored twice and created a third goal that was confirmed by goal-line technology as France eased into its World Cup campaign with a 3-0 victory over Honduras on Sunday.

The convincing victory — albeit against a 10-man team for more than 45 minutes — was in stark contrast to the team's performances in South Africa four years ago, when the highly paid squad failed to win a single match and was sent home in a disgrace after going on a training strike.

It now tops group E, tied with Switzerland, and stands a good chance of staying there.

"Winning 3-0 at a World Cup isn't easy," France coach Didier Deschamps said. "[The players should] savor the moment, there's nothing more wonderful. We're going recover and then go again in five days' time."

Benzema's first goal came from the penalty spot just before halftime after Wilson Palacios was sent off with his second yellow card for charging into the back of Paul Pogba. The Real Madrid striker calmly slotted the ball to the left of Noel Valladares to give the French a deserved lead going into the break.

"It's my first World Cup and I think we're all satisfied with the result," Benzema said. "It was important to win this match."

With Honduras down to 10 men, France didn't take long to double the score, thanks again to the Real Madrid striker and the



DAVID VINCENT/AP

Honduras's Luis Garrido complains to referee Sandro Ricci after he awarded a goal to France using goal-line technology Sunday.

first decisive use of goal line technology in a World Cup.

Yohan Cabaye, whose pass had earlier picked out Pogba to give the French their penalty, struck a long ball that Benzema shot across the goal. The ball came back off the post across goal before Valladares fumbled it over his own line. With the new technology system confirming the ball crossed the line, referee Sandro Ricci gave the own goal despite Honduran protests.

Les Bleus, featuring just five holdovers from 2010, dominated from the opening whistle against a Honduran team seeking its first World Cup win.

WORLD CUP

Scoreboard

First round				
GROUP A				
	W	L	T	Pts
Brazil	1	0	0	3
Mexico	1	0	0	3
Cameroon	1	0	0	3
Croatia	0	1	0	0
Thursday, June 12				
Brazil 3, Croatia 1				
Friday, June 13				
Mexico 1, Cameroon 0				
Tuesday, June 17				
Brazil vs. Mexico				
Wednesday, June 18				
At Manaus, Brazil				
Croatia vs. Cameroon				
Monday, June 23				
At Brasilia, Brazil				
Croatia vs. Brazil				
At Recife, Brazil				
Croatia vs. Mexico				
GROUP B				
	W	L	T	Pts
Netherlands	0	0	5	1
Chile	1	0	0	3
Australia	0	0	1	0
Spain	0	1	0	0
Friday, June 13				
Netherlands 5, Spain 1				
Chile 3, Australia 1				
Wednesday, June 18				
At Rio de Janeiro				
Spain vs. Chile				
At Porto Alegre, Brazil				
Netherlands vs. Australia				
Monday, June 23				
At Curitiba, Brazil				
Spain vs. Australia				
At Sao Paulo				
Netherlands vs. Spain				
GROUP C				
	W	L	T	Pts
Colombia	1	0	0	3
Ivory Coast	0	0	2	1
Japan	0	1	0	0
Greece	0	0	3	0
Saturday, June 14				
Colombia 3, Greece 0				
Ivory Coast 2, Japan 1				
Thursday, June 19				
At Brasilia, Brazil				
Colombia vs. Ivory Coast				
At Natal, Brazil				
Greece vs. Japan				
Tuesday, June 24				
At Curitiba, Brazil				
Colombia vs. Japan				
At Recife, Brazil				
Greece vs. Ivory Coast				
GROUP D				
	W	L	T	Pts
Costa Rica	1	0	0	3
Italy	0	0	2	0
England	0	1	0	0
Uruguay	0	1	0	0
Saturday, June 14				
Costa Rica 3, Uruguay 1				
Italy 2, England 1				
Thursday, June 19				
At Sao Paulo				
Uruguay vs. England				
Friday, June 20				
At Recife, Brazil				
Costa Rica vs. Italy				
Tuesday, June 24				
At Natal, Brazil				
Uruguay vs. Italy				
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil				
Costa Rica vs. England				

GROUP E				
	W	L	T	Pts
France	1	0	0	3
Switzerland	1	0	0	3
Ecuador	0	1	0	0
Honduras	0	1	0	0
Sunday, June 15				
Switzerland 2, Ecuador 1				
France 3, Honduras 0				
Friday, June 20				
At Salvador, Brazil				
Switzerland vs. France				
At Curitiba, Brazil				
Ecuador vs. Honduras				
Wednesday, June 25				
At Manaus, Brazil				
Switzerland vs. Honduras				
At Rio de Janeiro				
Ecuador vs. France				
GROUP F				
	W	L	T	Pts
Argentina	1	0	0	3
Iran	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	0	0	0	0
Bosnia-Herz.	1	0	0	3
Sunday, June 15				
Argentina 2, Bosnia-Herzegovina 1				
Monday, June 16				
Iran vs. Nigeria				
Saturday, June 21				
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil				
Argentina vs. Iran				
At Curitiba, Brazil				
Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. Nigeria				
Wednesday, June 25				
At Porto Alegre, Brazil				
Argentina vs. Nigeria				
At Salvador, Brazil				
Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. Iran				
GROUP G				
	W	L	T	Pts
Germany	1	0	0	3
Ghana	0	0	0	0
United States	0	0	0	0
Portugal	0	0	0	0
Monday, June 16				
At Salvador, Brazil				
Germany 4, Portugal 0				
At Natal, Brazil				
Ghana vs. United States				
Saturday, June 21				
At Fortaleza, Brazil				
Germany vs. Ghana				
Sunday, June 22				
At Manaus, Brazil				
Portugal vs. United States				
Thursday, June 26				
At Recife, Brazil				
Germany vs. United States				
At Brasilia, Brazil				
Portugal vs. Ghana				
GROUP H				
	W	L	T	Pts
Algeria	0	0	0	0
Belgium	0	0	0	0
Russia	0	0	0	0
South Korea	0	0	0	0
Tuesday, June 17				
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil				
Belgium vs. Algeria				
Sunday, June 22				
At Rio de Janeiro				
Belgium vs. Russia				
At Porto Alegre, Brazil				
Algeria vs. South Korea				
Thursday, June 26				
At Sao Paulo				
Belgium vs. South Korea				
At Curitiba, Brazil				
Algeria vs. Russia				

An underdog with a chance

Belgium has makings of a team that can crash the semifinal party

By Raf Casert
The Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Every World Cup has one of them: an outsider that you cannot help but like as it overachieves, often right into the semifinals. Sometimes even beyond.

This time, what is there not to like about young Belgium? The Red Devils have reached their first World Cup since 2002, but has a team full of players that have already made a mark in the Premier League and La Liga.

Belgium is among the youngest of the 32 teams at an average age of 25 years, 11 months, but its players are unlikely to crumble under pressure. And in a first-round Group H with Algeria, Russia and South Korea, they should be able to advance to the knock-out stage where national history can be made in the span of 90 minutes.

"We are full of confidence," midfielder Steven Defour said.

The unpredictable nature of a soccer match makes the World Cup a prime hunting ground for outsiders. Two teams even won it carrying that tag.

West Germany was unseeded in 1954 and first lost 8-3 to Hungary in the group stage before doing the unthinkable against the Magical Magyars, who had been undefeated for four years. They beat them 3-2 in the final, which is still known across Germany as "Das Wunder von Bern" — "The Miracle of Bern" — because not only did it produce the country's first World Cup title, it also finally gave the nation a major sense of self-respect after World War II.

Four years earlier, Uruguay had delivered a similar shock, beating Brazil at the Maracana with 170,000-plus fans rooting against them in the decisive game of the 1950 edition. The loss to its neighbor still ranks among the biggest sporting disappointments for Brazil.

In the modern-day game, it has become harder and harder for the smaller teams to break through the established powers' ironclad defenses to pull off a streak of upsets.



ANDREW MEDICHINI/AP

Romelu Lukaku has proven a dangerous playmaker for Everton and is one player Belgium expects to shine in this World Cup.

Ever since the Netherlands reached the final as a post-war novice at the World Cup in 1974, the semifinal stage has been the farthest a true outsider has been able to get. But the list of unexpected teams in the last of six times is quite long. Poland made it in 1982, Sweden in 1994, and Croatia in 1998. The 2002 tournament saw both Turkey and South Korea in the semifinals.

Uruguay reached the last four in South Africa four years ago, but the quarterfinal antics of Luis Suarez denying Ghana a winning goal with a deliberate handball took much off the veneer of being a lovable underdog.

This year, it could be Belgium's turn to play the part.

The small nation of 11 million shoehorned in between France, Germany and the Netherlands is a natural fit for an underdog, and it can draw inspiration from its own history. At the 1986 World Cup, Belgium struggled through the first round before coming alive with upset wins over the Soviet Union and Spain.

It took the outstanding Diego Maradona to deny them a place in the final. Despite coming two games short of the ultimate prize, that team remains the toast of the nation.

This time around, Belgium returns with a team almost exclusively made up of World Cup

rookies — with only defender Daniel Van Buyten a veteran of the 2002 campaign.

But their club performances show that they are ready for the sport's biggest stage.

Vincent Kompany captained Manchester City to its second Premier League title in just three years. Eden Hazard, 23, proved himself as a playmaker at Chelsea and Romelu Lukaku, 21, exceled as a striker for Everton.

And, most notably, Thibaut Courtois, at 22, is already considered one of the best goalkeepers around. The Atletico Madrid goal-keeper already faces the likes of Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo several times a season and has proven amazingly cool under pressure.

So is Belgium ready to become champion?

"If everything — really everything — fits," coach Marc Wilmots said.



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Adams lf	4	1	0	Adams lf	3	0	2
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MLB

La Stella stays hot as Braves dump Angels

By CHARLES ODUM
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Manager Fredi Gonzalez said Tommy La Stella is playing as if he is looking for another promotion. That's how comfortable the rookie second baseman has looked in his first three weeks in the major leagues.

La Stella had three hits, including a two-run double in Atlanta's four-run sixth, and the Braves beat Hector Santiago and the Los Angeles Angels 7-3 on Sunday night.

La Stella is hitting .411 with at least two hits in nine of his 16 games.

"I think La Stella thinks there's another league, the way he carries himself," Gonzalez said. "So it doesn't surprise me that he feels this comfortable right away."

La Stella has put a lock on the second base job with strong defense and his impressive start at the plate.

"I wouldn't say surprised," La Stella said when asked about his continued strong hitting. "Anytime you have a shot, especially in the big leagues, you want to start off on the right foot. I've been able to do that and hopefully I can keep going."

Evan Gattis and Justin Upton



TODD KIRKLAND/AP

Los Angeles Angels catcher Hank Conger tags out Atlanta Braves Chris Johnson at the plate after Tommy La Stella knocked in two runs in the sixth inning of Sunday's game in Atlanta.

also had run-scoring singles in the sixth as the Braves rallied against Santiago (0-7). Jason Heyward homered in the seventh and made two strong defensive plays in right field to take hits

away from Mike Trout.

Trout had three hits, including a homer. Erick Aybar also homered for the Angels before leaving the game with a sore left hip.

Manager Mike Scioscia said he

hopes Aybar can play Monday. He said Aybar first hurt his hip in Saturday night's game.

Anthony Vararo (2-1) had three strikeouts in two perfect innings for the win.

The Braves moved back into first place in the NL East by winning two of three from the Angels, who remain in second in the AL West.

David Carpenter gave up a single to Trout before hitting Albert Pujols with a pitch with one out in the ninth. Craig Kimbrel struck out Josh Hamilton and Howie Kendrick for his 20th save.

Santiago, trying for his first win of 2014, allowed only two hits through five innings before fading in the sixth. He was charged with four runs and five hits in 5 1/3 innings.

"Hector, really, for five innings was really on top of things," Scioscia said. "Things unraveled a bit but I still think Hector pitched a really strong ballgame."

Atlanta's Mike Minor matched his career high by allowing 11 hits for the second straight game. He gave up three runs in five innings.

With one out in the sixth, B.J. Upton walked and moved to third on Freddie Freeman's single to center. Gattis extended his hitting streak to 15 games with a run-scoring single to right field. Freeman scored on Justin Upton's infield hit that David Pricee couldn't handle at third base.

NL roundup

Cards' Adams homers again in win over Nats

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Matt Adams might want to have his father's visit last longer.

Adams homered for the third straight game — all with his father in attendance — and Matt Holliday also went deep, helping the St. Louis Cardinals to a 5-2 victory and series sweep Sunday over the Washington Nationals.

Adams gave St. Louis a 2-0 lead in the second inning with a two-run shot on an 0-2 pitch, his sixth homer of the season. Adams' father, Jamie, has been visiting from Pennsylvania on Father's Day weekend.

"Unfortunately, he's going to go home," Adams said.

There were going to meet before Adams' father left for the airport. "He might give me a big hug and start crying," Adams said. "He's an emotional guy."

Adams has homered in all three games since coming in the disabled list with a torn calf muscle. Holliday put St. Louis up 3-0 in the third with his fifth home run.

St. Louis manager Mike Matheny never doubted his sluggers would start to hit the long ball after a slow start. The Cardinals are last in the National League in homers.

Last year, Adams had 17 homers in 108 games and Holliday had 22 in 141 games.

Jaime Garcia (3-0) pitched seven innings, allowing five hits and a run for St. Louis. He struck out six and walked two. Trevor Rosenthal got the final out for his 20th save.

Washington's Doug Fister (5-2) had his five-start winning streak snapped. He pitched six innings, allowing seven hits and four runs.

"The two home runs were the biggest things for me," Fister said. "I need to find a better effort."

St. Louis has won 12 of the past 14 regular-season meetings with Washington. The Nationals are 2-18 in the new Busch Stadium.

"We have a bitter taste in our mouths going home," Nationals outfielder Scott Hairston said. "I think we definitely didn't play up to our capabilities."

Rockies 8, Giants 7: Justin Morneau hit a two-run double in the eighth inning as Colorado came back to sweep a three-game series from host San Francisco.

Diamondbacks 6, Dodgers 3: Paul Goldschmidt and Miguel Montero homered to help Bronson Arroyo win his third straight start as visiting Arizona averted a series sweep by Los Angeles.

Reds 13, Brewers 4: Billy Hamilton led off the game with a home run, Brandon Phillips added a two-run shot in the first inning and Todd Frazier later hit his team-high 15th homer as Cin-



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

The Cardinals' Matt Adams rounds the bases after hitting a two-run homer in the second inning against the Nationals on Sunday in St. Louis.

cinnati beat host Milwaukee.

Cubs 3, Phillies 0: Travis Wood pitched hitless ball into the sixth inning as visiting Chicago beat Philadelphia to win a road series for the first time this season.

Marlins 3, Pirates 2 (10): Casey McGehee tied the game in the eighth inning with a two-out, two-run double, then drove home the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the 10th as host Miami prevented a sweep by Pittsburgh.

Mets 3, Padres 1: Curtis Granderson hit his first leadoff homer in five years, Carlos Torres and two other relievers filled in admirably for an ailing Daisuke Matsuzaka as host New York beat San Diego.

AL roundup

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics took time out to honor retiring Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter before Sunday's game, giving him a vintage bottle of fine Northern California wine and a check for his foundation.

They didn't treat New York starter Vidal Nuno as nicely.

Derek Norris and Coco Crisp hit early three-run homers to back a strong start by Jesse Chavez as the Athletics beat the Yankees 10-5 on Sunday.

"We obviously made ourselves a little more well-rounded over the last couple years, but whenever we're hitting homers we're winning," Norris said. "That's just the bottom line. That's what we did today."

The A's had been held to one run or fewer in four of their previous nine games before taking a 10-0 lead in four innings.

Yoenis Cespedes drove in two runs and Josh Donaldson snapped an 0-for-33 slump with an RBI single.

Chavez (6-4) carried a shutout into the sixth.

With the second-best record in the majors behind San Francisco, the A's have won three of four and are off to their best start in nearly 25 years.

"It's good to see," Oakland

manager Bob Melvin said of his club's power surge. "We haven't been swinging the bat as well as we were earlier, certainly on the power portion of it. But two big three-run homers today gets you off to a good start."

Norris, who matched his career high with three hits, homered in the first and Crisp connected in the second off Nuno (1-3).

Blue Jays 5, Orioles 2: J.A. Happ pitched into the seventh inning and Dioner Navarro had three hits and two RBIs as visiting Toronto beat Baltimore for a four-game split.

Mariners 5, Rangers 1: Kyle Seager had four hits and three RBIs as host Seattle beat Texas and stopped a five-game losing streak.

Tigers 4, Twins 3: Right fielder Oswaldo Arcia's error led to J.D. Martinez's sacrifice fly in the ninth inning, lifting host Detroit over Minnesota.

Indians 3, Red Sox 2 (11): Nick Swisher led off the 11th inning with a homer as visiting Cleveland Indians beat Boston for a four-game split.

Rays 4, Astros 3: David Price shook off a tough start to strike out 10, pinch-hitter Jerry Sands broke three bats while singling home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning as host Tampa Bay beat Houston.

MLB/AUTO RACING

Royals top ChiSox for 7th straight win

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Kansas City Royals are complementing their solid defense and pitching with a potent offense.

Salvador Perez hit a three-run homer and Kansas City completed a three-game sweep of the Chicago White Sox with a 6-3 win Sunday.

James Shields (8-3) won his fifth straight decision and the Royals extended their season-high win streak to seven games.

Shields pitched out of trouble throughout his outing.

Shields allowed three runs and 10 hits in six innings. Greg Holland pitched a scoreless ninth for his 20th save in 21 chances.

The Royals haven't lost with Shields on the mound since May 2, and he's 5-0 in eight starts because of the Royals' 42 runs of support.

Eric Hosmer also hit a two-run home run for the Royals.

"This series we played on all cylinders," Shields said. "We pitched, we hit, we played some good defense. We drew our walks, we had good situational hitting and good timely hitting."

"I think this is the first series all year that we really hit on all cylinders, so it is nice to see."

Alejandro De Aza had a two-run double for the White Sox, who lost their fourth straight game. Starter Adam Rendon (4-4) allowed six runs and six hits in six innings.

The White Sox have lost 10 of their past 11 home games against the Royals been outscored 53-20 in them.

"Obviously they're playing good baseball and we're sufficing a little bit," Gordon Beckham said. "You know, it's part of (the game). It's frustrating, but we played a pretty good game today. Grinding out at-bats, trying to do some good things. It just didn't go our way."



PAUL BEATY/AP

Kansas City Royals' Salvador Perez celebrates with teammates in the dugout after hitting a three-run home run during the third inning of Sunday's game against the Chicago White Sox in Chicago.

With one out in the first inning, Hosmer connected on a 1-2 pitch for a two-run shot to center. It was his fourth of the season.

"We're getting off to early leads," Hosmer said. "We're giving our pitchers breathing room early. The way they have been throwing for us all year they have been lights out. Now to give them nice breathing room early and get some leads and not let them to be fine with their pitches and let them go out there and let the defense work."

With the Royals up 2-1 in the third inning with two outs, Billy Butler was hit by Rendon's pitch. Alex Gordon drew a walk then Perez followed with a home run to left, giving the Royals a 5-1 lead. It was Perez's seventh of the season.

Mike Moustakas scored from second on Jarrod Dyson's RBI single in the fourth inning after

he was initially ruled out on a force at second base. The call was overturned after a challenge.

Adam Eaton led off the first inning with a hard grounder that went underneath Hosmer's glove at first. Eaton wound up with a stand-up triple.

One pitch later, Shields appeared to have Eaton picked off at third base, but plate umpire Paul Emmel ruled that Shields did not step off the rubber and awarded Eaton home.

Royals manager Ned Yost argued the balk and was tossed by Emmel as he went back to the dugout. Yost then confronted Emmel for another animated conversation before leaving the game.

"I said something when I was walking away that made me sit in this office," Yost said. "I don't think I ever got kicked out before the first out in the bottom of the first. I just felt really strongly that was a good play."

De Aza had a two-run double off Shields in the fourth inning.



BOB BRODECK/AP

Jimmie Johnson makes a pit stop during the NASCAR Quicken Loans 400 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., on Sunday. Johnson won the race, beating Kevin Harvick by 1.214 seconds.

NASCAR Sprint Cup Series

Johnson ends Michigan streak

6-time points champion stays hot with first win at track in 25 starts

BY NOAH TRISTER
The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — In the final seconds of his first victory at Michigan International Speedway, Jimmie Johnson could finally relax a bit.

"About 200 yards before the finish line, I knew if the car exploded, I'd still slide across the finish line," Johnson said.

Johnson and his No. 48 Chevrolet made it through the last few laps with a comfortable lead, and the six-time series champion won Sunday for the first time in 25 NASCAR Sprint Cup starts at MIS. Johnson outlasted pole winner Kevin Harvick by 1.214 seconds for his third victory in four races. He also won at Charlotte and Dover.

It was the fifth victory in a row for Chevy and Hendrick Motorsports. Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. also have won during the streak that doesn't count Jamie McMurray's win for Chevy and Chip Ganassi in the Sprint All-Star race last month.

Brad Keselowski finished third Sunday after two straight runner-up showings at Dover and Pocono. Paul Menard was fourth, followed by Kasey Kahne, Gordon and Earnhardt in the 400-mile, 200-lap race.

Johnson had finished in the top five four times previously at Michigan, including a second-place showing in August 2011. He lost in August 2012 when his engine faltered with six laps remaining.

"It was a long time coming," crew chief Chad Knaus said. "We've raced very well up here, and we haven't been able to close the deal on quite a few occasions." There are now only four tracks on the schedule where Johnson has never won — Kentucky, Watkins Glen, Chicagoland and Homestead-Miami. Johnson had led in 15 previous races at MIS.

"It's good to see Jimmie, after leading so many laps here, close the deal," owner Rick Hendrick



BOB BRODECK/AP

Jimmie Johnson lifts the trophy after winning the NASCAR Quicken Loans 400 on Sunday.

Points leaders

No.	Driver	Points
1.	Jeff Gordon	537
2.	Jimmie Johnson	522
3.	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	514
4.	Matt Kenseth	513
5.	Brad Keselowski	490
6.	Carl Edwards	462
7.	Joey Logano	454
8.	Kyle Larson	454
9.	Kevin Harvick	447
10.	Kyle Busch	446
11.	Ryan Newman	440
12.	Denny Hamlin	435
13.	Paul Menard	420
14.	Clint Bowyer	417
15.	Greg Biffle	409
16.	Tony Stewart	402
17.	Austin Dillon	400
18.	Brian Vickers	394
19.	Kasey Kahne	391
20.	Jamie McMurray	384

said. "We've run out of gas, broke motors, blown tires."

Johnson led after 164 laps Sunday before stopping to pit and giving up the lead. He was back in front with about 10 laps to go following a cycle of pit stops by other drivers.

"We really were in a win-win situation," Johnson said. "Those guys still had to come to pit road to make it to the end. Once I got an idea of how the race was unfolding, I knew we were in the cabdriver seat, and were able to take advantage of it."

Hendrick had four drivers in the top seven.

Johnson is trying for his seventh Cup title, which would tie the mark shared by Richard Petty and the late Dale Earnhardt. This was his 69th career victory, and he's the first driver with three wins in 2014.

"Even at 69 wins, I still cherish them all," Johnson said. "It is not easy to win in this sport."

Hendrick accomplished the feat twice in 2007, including a six-race streak.

Gordon's sixth-place finish was enough to keep him atop the points race, with Hendrick teammates Johnson and Earnhardt in second and third.

Ford had won the last three Cup races at Michigan, with Joey Logano prevailing last August and Greg Biffle winning twice before that. Keselowski couldn't extend that streak and Logano was ninth.

"We kind of trudged through it and came away with another top-three effort, which is good but not great," said Keselowski, who was unable to come away with a victory in his home state. "We want the wins, especially here at Michigan. That would mean a lot."

Keselowski, who has a couple Nationwide victories at Michigan, is 0-for-10 in Cup races at the track.

It was a rough day for Roush Fenway Racing, which has a record 13 Cup victories at Michigan. Biffle finished 20th and Carl Edwards was 23rd.

US OPEN

Compton inspires
with tie for second

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

PINEHURST, N.C. — Erik Compton was chatting at the podium when Rickie Fowler leaned in to take a selfie with his buddy in the background.

Shows just how far Compton has come in the past week.

Now, he's the one being treated like a star.

"I've never gotten this far along in my story," Compton said Sunday night, choking back tears not long after soaking up the last of the raucous cheers that followed him all the way around Pinehurst No. 2. "It's a career-opening thing for me. For me to put myself on the map and prove to the world that I'm not just the guy with two heart transplants."

Before he hit a shot in the U.S. Open, Compton already had traveled a remarkable journey. He underwent his first heart transplant at age 12. He had another when he was 28, after driving himself to the hospital while suffering a near-fatal heart attack.

Six years removed from that traumatic experience, Compton turned in the greatest performance of what had been a largely nondescript career. He tied with Fowler for the runner-up spot behind winner Martin Kaymer.

"My mom summed it pretty well the other night," Compton recalled. "She said, 'Erik's a golfer with two transplants, not a transplant recipient who plays golf.'"

After getting through sectional qualifying just to make it to the Open — and a two-hole playoff, at that — Compton was one of only three players to finish under par at the Open. He closed with a 72 for a 1-under 279, leaving him eight shots behind Kaymer.

For Compton, the margin wasn't really important.

Sure, he wanted to give Kaymer more of a challenge. In fact, Compton did get as close as four strokes around the turn.

But back-to-back bogeys at the 11th and 12th holes effectively ended his chances of winning the tournament. No problem. Runner-up felt just as good to someone who's been through so much.

"I go from being I was a few years ago, and now I'm able to play in major championships," Compton said as the sun set on

the sandhills of North Carolina. "I showed the world today that I'm capable of playing good golf under extreme pressure and heat."

"And," he added, "I think I showed myself."

At No. 18, with the winner decided but runner-up still up for grabs, Compton pushed his tee shot into the waste area right of the fairway. That was followed by awful iron shot, the ball winding up against the lip of a bunker, still about 50 yards from the flag. Then, he pulled off one of his best shots of the whole week, the ball settling about 8 feet from the cup.

Compton pumped his fist before walking up to the green, where he was greeted by cheers that were just as loud as they would be a few minutes later for Kaymer in the final group, closing out his wire-to-wire victory. The fans were on their feet again when Compton rolled in a par-saving putt that had all the feel of a guy winning the tournament, even though it merely ensured he would remain tied with Fowler.

"It's very exciting to play golf around people that are supporting you," Compton said. "I've never had that feeling where so many people were cheering my name. It was just a really great week for me."

Compton ensured himself a spot in the 2015 Masters and a return to next year's U.S. Open without having to qualify. He should move into the top 75 of the world rankings for the first time, his career finally looking up after so much hardship.

There was one problem: The U.S. Open had a single runner-up medal for the awards ceremony. Compton put it on first, then gave Fowler a turn.

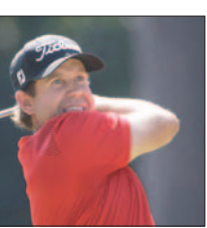
"We're going to fish-off for the medal," Compton joked.

After getting into Fowler's playfield, Compton talked about playing the way with his friend after the second transplant, how much that whole experience meant to him.

"When I drove up and saw him, he was like a celebrity in my eyes because of what he's accomplished," Compton said.

"Now," he went on, breaking into a devilish grin, "he's looking at me like that."

"Hey," Fowler interjected, as everyone howled. "I did finish TIED for second."



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

Erik Compton, a two-time heart transplant recipient, finished tied for second at the U.S. Open Sunday, six years after nearly dying.



ERIC GAY/AP

Martin Kaymer celebrates Sunday after winning the U.S. Open on Sunday, finishing at 9-under 271.

Kaymer completes run

German caps Pinehurst domination with final 1-under 69

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

PINEHURST, N.C. — They couldn't give Martin Kaymer the trophy before the weekend the way he ripped through Pinehurst No. 2 like he was playing the local muni.

Certainly, they could've had the ceremony on Saturday, after he shook off five bogeys to maintain a commanding lead at the U.S. Open.

By the time the USGA got around to handing Kaymer his hardware in the fading sunlight Sunday evening, this felt like a coronation that had been delayed far too long.

That's how dominant Kaymer was. He played his own event.

Everyone else was in the second flight.

With a performance reminiscent of Rory McIlroy's domination at Congressional and Tiger Woods' romp around Pebble Beach, Kaymer blew away the field in the sandhills of North Carolina, on a course that was as tough as advertised — for everyone except the 29-year-old German.

Kaymer closed out his eight-stroke victory with a 1-under 69, the only player in the final eight groups to break par. He finished at 9-under 271 overall; only two other guys managed to get into the red, Erik Compton and Rickie Fowler, tied for second but nowhere close to winning.

Compton was inspiring. Kaymer was dominant.

With a win last month at The Players Championship — a de facto major — and his rout at Pinehurst, Kaymer has resoundingly reclaimed his place as one of the game's top players.

He was in that spot not so long

ago after winning the 2010 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits and moving up to No. 1 in the world rankings early the next year. Despite his success, he felt something in his game was missing, the sort of all-around repertoire he would need to stay on top. He had always been successful with the fade, working the ball from left to right, but knew he needed a driver to round things out.

The change was a slow, tedious process, resulting in a winless streak that stretched over 29 tournaments and 18 months.

"You want to win majors in your career, but if you can win one more, it means so much more," Kaymer said. "When I went through that low, they called me the one-hit wonder and those things. ... It's quite satisfying to have two under your belt."

Kaymer opened with back-to-back 65s, his 10-under score the lowest ever at the Open through 36 holes. He struggled a bit in the third round, settling for a 72 in much tougher conditions, but that was good enough to take a five-stroke lead to the closing round.

The finale was a formality.

"He kind of killed the event in the first two days," said Henrik Stenson, among those who tied for fourth at 281. "He went out and shot two 65s and left everyone in the dust."

Kaymer's already joined a pretty select club. Over the last three decades, only Woods, McIlroy, Seve Ballesteros and Ernie Els have won two majors and been ranked No. 1 before their 30th birthday.

Not that Kaymer intends to stop here.

"I'm only 29 years old," he said. "I hope to have another few years ahead of me."

Scoreboard

Sunday

At Pinehurst Resort and Country Club,
Pinehurst, N.C.
Purse: \$7.5 million (50 million in 2013)
Yardage: 7,562; Par: 70

(a-m-a-t-u-r-e)

M. Kaymer, \$1,620,000	65-65-72-69=271	-9
Erik Compton, \$789,330	72-68-67-72=279	-1
R. Fowler, \$789,330	70-70-67-72=279	-1
K. Bradley, \$326,310	69-69-76-67=281	+1
J. Jason Day, \$326,310	73-68-72-68=281	+1
D. Johnson, \$326,310	69-69-70-73=281	+1
K. Koepka, \$326,310	70-68-72-71=281	+1
A. Stenson, \$236,310	69-69-70-73=281	+1
A. Adam Scott, \$211,715	73-67-73-69=282	+2
B. Snead, \$211,715	69-68-72-73=282	+2
J. Jimmy Walker, \$211,715	72-70-72-71=282	+2
J. Jim Furyk, \$156,679	69-70-71-73=283	+3
M. Kuchar, \$156,679	69-70-71-73=283	+3
K. Kevin Na, \$156,679	68-69-73-73=283	+3
J. Justin Rose, \$156,679	72-69-70-73=283	+3
L. A. Holmes, \$118,234	70-71-72-71=284	+4
J. Ian Poulter, \$118,234	70-70-74-70=284	+4
J. Spieth, \$118,234	69-70-72-73=284	+4
B. Brendon Todd, \$118,234	69-67-70-78=284	+4
C. Cody Gribble, \$88,598	72-72-72-69=285	+5
S. Hirschler, \$79,968	70-71-73-72=286	+6
A. B. Baddeley, \$79,968	70-71-73-72=286	+6
S. Shrivak, \$79,968	73-70-71-72=286	+6
R. Rory McIlroy, \$79,968	71-68-74-73=286	+6
F. Molinari, \$79,968	69-71-72-74=286	+6
D. Daniel Berger, \$59,588	72-71-78-66=287	+7
B. B. De Jonge, \$59,588	68-70-73-76=287	+7
V. Dubuisson, \$59,588	70-72-70-75=287	+7
C. Chris Kirk, \$59,588	71-68-72-76=287	+7
G. G. McDowell, \$59,588	68-74-75-70=287	+7
P. Mickelson, \$59,588	73-72-72=287	+7
K. Kenny Perry, \$59,588	64-69-74-70=287	+7
E. Erik Els, \$46,803	74-70-72-72=288	+8
S. Sergio Garcia, \$46,803	72-72-71-73=288	+8
B. Bill Haas, \$46,803	72-72-71-73=288	+8
M. Matsuyama, \$46,803	69-71-74-74=288	+8
P. Patrick Reed, \$46,803	71-72-73-72=288	+8
E. Zach Johnson, \$37,754	70-72-72-75=289	+9
G. Garth Mulroy, \$37,754	71-74-72-72=289	+9
L. L. Oosthuizen, \$37,754	71-73-78-67=289	+9
R. Retief Goosen, \$30,628	73-71-71-75=290	+10
Webb Simpson, \$30,628	72-73-74=290	+10
D. Danny Willett, \$30,628	70-71-76-71=290	+10
H. H. English, \$26,504	69-75-75=291	+11
A. A. Clayton, \$26,504	71-74-75=291	+11
R. Ryan Moore, \$26,504	76-68-71-76=291	+11
S. Seung-Yul Noh, \$24,514	70-72-72-74=292	+12
G. Gary Woodland, \$24,514	71-75-74=292	+12
B. Stewart Cink, \$23,535	72-71-75=293	+13
Scott Langley, \$23,535	71-72-75=293	+13
P. Paul Casey, \$22,649	70-75-75=293	+13
L. L. Lindheim, \$22,649	72-73-72=294	+14
J. J. Olin, \$22,649	71-74-75=294	+14
N. N. Leonard, \$22,090	75-70-75=295	+15
A. Alex Coika, \$22,090	75-70-75=295	+15
R. R. Henley, \$21,564	70-74-82=297	+17
K. Kevin Tway, \$21,564	72-72-81=297	+17
C. Clayton Rees, \$20,775	71-71-77=298	+18
K. Kevin Stadler, \$20,775	77-68-75=298	+18
B. Boo Weekley, \$20,775	72-75-75=298	+18
T. T. Taniguchi, \$19,980	71-73-80=299	+19
	71-73-88=309	+29

SPORTS



Wire-to-wire win

Kaymer dominates Pinehurst for US Open victory | **Page 31**

NBA FINALS

Worth the wait

Spurs earn redemption, championship with Game 5 rout of overmatched Heat

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San Antonio players, from left, Manu Ginobili, Tony Parker and Tim Duncan celebrate late in Game 5 on Sunday. The Spurs defeated the Heat 104-87 to win the NBA championship.

DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP



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